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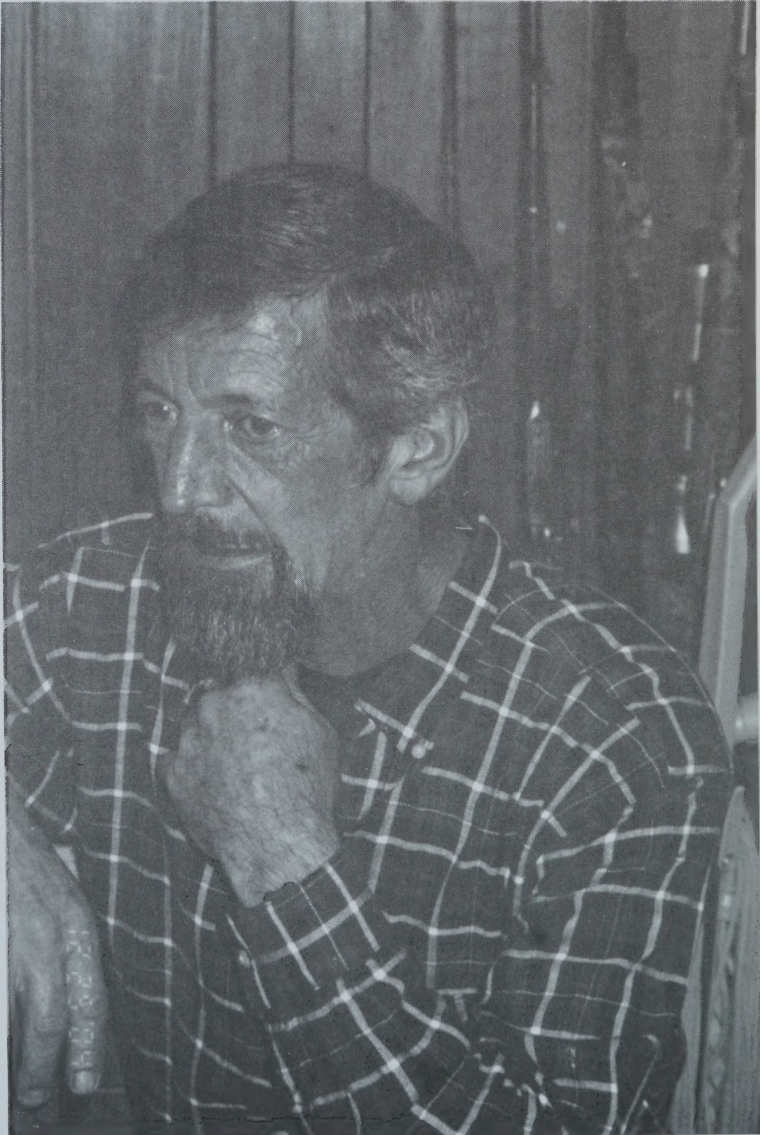


for the
TOWN of BENNINGTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE

LAWRENCE H. SENESCHAL
1952-2005

Long time resident Lawrence Seneschal passed away in May 2005. "Larry" was a very talented man; his carpentry skills can be seen in the Bennington Fire Station, the Sportsmen's clubhouse, and in many homes in the area. Larry was a former Assistant Fire Chief and a current member of the Sportsmen Club. An outdoor enthusiast, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, softball, and snowmobiling. His greatest joy was being a Grandpa.

His energy and willingness to help are missed by many.



The Town of Bennington extends its sincere appreciation to Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc. for their generous donation of paper to print the entire 2005 Town Report. We regret that the acknowledgement of Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc. was omitted during the print process.

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TOWN OFFICIALS

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**BENNINGTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

for the Year Ended December 31, 2005

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TOWN OFFICIALS

For the Year 2005

MODERATOR

John J. Cronin, III

Term Expires 2006

SELECTMEN

Philip Germain

Term Expires 2006

James E. Trow

Term Expires 2007

Joseph C. Cuddemi, Chairman

Term Expires 2008

TOWN CLERK

Debra Belcher

Term Expires 2007

TOWN TREASURER

Joyce L. Miner

Term Expires 2006

TAX COLLECTOR

Kristie J. French

Appointed

ROAD AGENT

David Blanchard

Appointed

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Karen Aucella

Term Expires 2006

Laurie MacKeigan

Term Expires 2007

Elisabeth A. Shingler

Term Expires 2008

FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Appointed by State

Mark Chase, Warden

Joseph O'Brien, Deputy Warden

Kristie French, Deputy Warden

DJ Warner, Deputy Warden

David Mosher, Deputy Warden

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Joseph MacGregor

Term Expires 2006

BUDGET COMMITTEE Appointed by Moderator

Lucien Lizotte, Chairman
Melissa Clark

Harvey Goodwin
Brent Paradis

Valerie Germain

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE Appointed by Selectmen

Joseph Cuddemi

Philip Germain

Donald Parker

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Victoria Turner
Barbara E. Moorehead
Druscilla Cox

Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2008
Term Expires 2010

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Joy Lewis
Leslie MacGregor
Rich Page

Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2007
Term Expires 2008

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR

Christine Lavery

Appointed

CHIEF OF POLICE

C. Stephen Campbell

Appointed

ADMINISTRATOR

Denise P. French

Appointed

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Robyn Manley
Jill S. Young
Peter Martel

Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2008

PLANNING BOARD

Joseph Eisenberg, Chairman
Philip Germain, Ex-Officio
Jeffrey Rose (Alternate)
Peter Eppig, Vice Chair
Mark Mackesy
Edward Pelletier

Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2007
Term Expires 2007
Term Expires 2008

HEALTH OFFICER

Peter Hopkins

Appointed

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

David Beck
Arthur Knight
Peter Martel
Judy Heddy
John Tyler, Chairman

Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2007
Term Expires 2008

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Appointed by Selectmen

Vacant
Vacant
Jonathan Manley, Chairman
Dennis McKenney
Letitia Rice
Joseph MacGregor

Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2007
Term Expires 2007
Term Expires 2007
Term Expires 2008

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

Joseph MacGregor, Chairman
Joseph Cuddemi
Philip Germain

Peter Eppig
James Trow
Harvey Goodwin

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Rob Horn
Mark Chase
Glenn Wilson

Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2007
Term Expires 2008

NEWHALL PARK BOARD

Appointed by Selectmen

David Baker
David Parker
Brian Whittemore
Priscilla Roberts, Alternate

Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2007
Term Expires 2007

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appointed

Mark Chase, Chief
Joseph O'Brien, Assistant Chief
Kristie J. French, Deputy Chief

Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2006
Term Expires 2006

RECREATION COMMISSION

Appointed by Selectmen

Kelly Byrne
Christine Martin
Michelle Ricco

Wanda Grant
Cindy Norton
Joseph Cuddemi, ex-officio

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Peter Hopkins

Appointed by Selectmen

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

Terry Schnare

Richard Verney

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Appointed by Selectmen

David Blanchard

C. Stephen Campbell

Denise P. French

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote: You are hereby notified to meet at the Pierce School on Saturday, the eleventh of February, next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and then at St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Note: The casting of absentee ballots will begin at 1:00 p.m. The polls will close at 7:00 p.m.

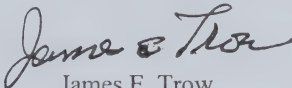
1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, **not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately**, the amounts set forth on the budget proposed with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling (one million one hundred ninety-two thousand three hundred fifty-seven dollars) \$1,192,357? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be (one million ninety-five thousand and eight dollars) \$1,095,008, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.
3. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
4. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
5. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
6. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
7. Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Forestry Truck Capital Reserve Fund created in 1993? Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund.
8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty two thousand dollars (\$32,000) to be added to the Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund? Of the \$32,000 appropriation, up to \$24,000 will come from the discontinued Forestry Truck Capital Reserve Fund – as outlined in Warrant Article 7 above - and an additional \$8,000 will be funded from general taxation.
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Sidewalk Replacement Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
15. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund?
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the purpose of funding The Grapevine Family & Community Resource Center programs and services for the people of Antrim, Bennington, Francestown, and Hancock? This amount represents the Town of Bennington's portion of the funds needed to support The Grapevine.
17. Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the following real estate parcels by advertised sealed bid or auction, subject to such terms and conditions as may be in the best interest of the Town:
Tax Map 13 – Lot 25, Lot 26, Lot 41, Lot 42 and Lot 43?
18. Shall the Town vote to alter the manner in which positions on the Zoning Board of Adjustment are filled, from elected in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673:3,II, to appointment by the Board of Selectmen?

Given under our hands and seal this 25th day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and six.



Joseph C. Cuddemi



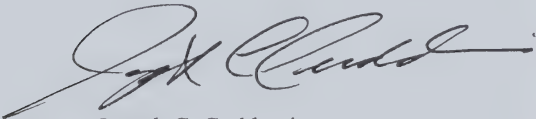
James E. Trow



Philip R. Germain

*Board of Selectmen
Bennington, New Hampshire*

a true copy of Warrant – Attest



Joseph C. Cuddemi



James E. Trow



Philip R. Germain

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006

IMPORTANT:


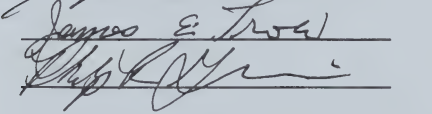
Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This form was posted with the warrant on January 30, 2006

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Please sign in ink.


James E. Truitt

Philip J. ...

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

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NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		113,706	106,327	111,298
4140-4149	Election,Reg. & Vital Statistics		26,836	23,178	31,014
4150-4151	Financial Administration		13,220	14,202	13,495
4152	Revaluation of Property		-	-	-
4153	Legal Expense		10,000	7,712	10,000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		142,947	133,385	161,071
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		4,850	6,742	5,250
4194	General Government Buildings		15,600	20,725	18,700
4195	Cemeteries		6,518	5,408	6,518
4196	Insurance		18,000	17,319	19,000
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		-	-	-
4199	Other General Government		2,000	3,575	2,050
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		152,579	152,652	169,410
4215-4219	Ambulance		8,500	8,000	8,000
4220-4229	Fire		56,617	60,133	57,570
4240-4249	Building Inspection		4,000	1,136	5,500
4290-4298	Emergency Management		-	-	-
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)		-	-	-
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations		-	-	-
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		100,390	98,079	108,827
4312	Highways & Streets		86,500	94,224	118,000
4313	Bridges		-	-	-
4316	Street Lighting		7,300	7,096	8,000
4319	Other		-	-	-
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration		25,720	26,333	26,568
4323	Solid Waste Collection		800	591	800
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		64,400	62,418	60,200
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		-	-	-
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		33,400	29,614	34,000

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration		24,800	19,307	27,100
4332	Water Services		18,600	14,787	19,400
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other		9,000	0	2,500
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation		-	-	-
4353	Purchase Costs		-	-	-
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		-	-	-
4359	Other Electric Costs		-	-	-
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration		2,050	195	750
4414	Pest Control		150	2,065	350
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		5,800	5,800	5,800
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		8,610	10,258	9,305
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts		600	325	600
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		4,775	1,423	5,900
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		24,300	24,188	24,800
4550-4559	Library		76,584	78,765	85,615
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1,000	1,067	1,500
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		1,000	0	1,464
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources		675	0	675
4619	Other Conservation		-	-	-
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING		-	-	-
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		-	-	-
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		33,050	33,050	21,750
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		8,172	8,144	6,577
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		2,500	0	3,000
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		-	-	-

Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)
CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land		-	-	-
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		-	-	-
4903	Buildings		-	-	-
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.		-	-	-
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		-	-	-
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		-	-	-
4914	To Enterprise Fund		-	-	-
	Sewer-		-	-	-
	Water-		-	-	-
	Electric-		-	-	-
	Airport-		-	-	-
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		-	-	-
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917		-	-	-
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds		-	-	-
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds		-	-	-
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		-	-	-
SUBTOTAL 1			1,115,549	1,078,223	1,192,357

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)
4915	Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund	3	20,000	20,000	30,000
4915	Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	4	10,000	10,000	5,000
4915	Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund	5	5,000	5,000	5,000
4915	Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund	6	37,000	37,000	30,000
4915	Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund	7	8,000	8,000	32,000
4915	Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund	9	12,500	12,500	12,500
4915	Water Department Capital Reserve Fund	10	8,000	8,000	8,000
4915	Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund	11	5,000	5,000	5,000
4915	Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	12	15,000	15,000	15,000
4915	Town Buildings Expendable Trust Fund	13	0	0	5,000
4915	Sidewalk Replacement Capital Reserve Fund	14	11,000	11,000	15,000
4915	Library Capital Reserve Fund	15	5,000	5,000	5,000
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	167,500

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)
4956	Community Resource Organization	16	0	0	3,000
SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	3,000

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		5,000	34,620	10,000
3180	Resident Taxes		0	0	0
3185	Timber Taxes		5,000	6,206	5,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		500	1,000	500
3189	Other Taxes		0	0	0
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		30,000	27,626	27,000
	Inventory Penalties		3,500	5,007	5,000
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		3,000	1,836	2,000
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		3,000	3,885	4,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		243,000	242,538	240,000
3230	Building Permits		1,000	905	1,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		8,000	4,761	5,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		0	4,900	0
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		27,000	26,679	27,000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		47,000	52,399	50,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		36,000	37,945	37,425
3354	Water Pollution Grant		10,526	10,526	0
3355	Housing & Community Development		0	0	0
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		0	0	0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		0	0	0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		0	0	0
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		0	0	0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		8,000	1,005	1,000
3409	Other Charges		3,000	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		0	2,500	10,000
3502	Interest on Investments		200	1,272	1,200
3503-3509	Other		20,000	15,707	15,000

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		0	0	0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		0	0	0
3914	From Enterprise Funds		0	0	0
	Sewer - (Offset)		23,000	30,668	25,000
	Water - (Offset)		41,000	51,881	45,000
	Electric - (Offset)		0	0	0
	Airport - (Offset)		0	0	0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		0	0	0
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		0	0	0
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds		0	0	0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxx
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes		0	0	0
	Amount VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")		0	0	24,000
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		0	0	0
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			517,726	563,866	535,125

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	1,115,549	1,192,357
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	136,500	167,500
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	464	3,000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1,252,513	1,362,857
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	517,726	535,125
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	734,787	827,732

DEFAULT BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON

For the Ensuing Year January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006

RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

1. Use this form to list the default budget calculation in the appropriate columns.
2. Post this form or any amended version with proposed operating budget (MS-6 or MS-7) and the warrant.
3. Per RSA 40:13, XI, (a), the default budget shall be disclosed at the first budget hearing.

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

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Budget Committee if RSA 40:14-b is adopted

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive	113,706	0	1,700	112,006
4140-4149	Election, Reg & Vital Statistics	26,836	2,476	0	29,312
4150-4151	Financial Administration	13,220	325	0	13,545
4152	Revaluation of Property	0	0	0	0
4153	Legal Expense	10,000	0	0	10,000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	142,947	0	0	142,947
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	4,850	0	0	4,850
4194	General Government Buildings	15,600	0	0	15,600
4195	Cemeteries	6,518	0	0	6,518
4196	Insurance	18,000	0	0	18,000
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	0	0	0	0
4199	Other General Government	2,000	0	0	2,000
PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police	152,579	5,800	2,000	156,379
4215-4219	Ambulance	8,500	0	0	8,500
4220-4229	Fire	56,617	453	0	57,070
4240-4249	Building Inspection	4,000	0	0	4,000
4290-4298	Emergency Management	0	0	0	0
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)	0	0	0	0
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations	0	0	0	0
HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration	100,390	0	0	100,390
4312	Highways & Streets	86,500	0	0	86,500
4313	Bridges	0	0	0	0
4316	Street Lighting	7,300	0	0	7,300
4319	Other	0	0	0	0
SANITATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration	25,720	0	0	25,720
4323	Solid Waste Collection	800	0	0	800
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	64,400	0	0	64,400
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up	0	0	0	0
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other	0	0	0	0

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration	24,800	0	0	24,800
4332	Water Services	18,600	0	0	18,600
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other	9,000	0	7,000	2,000
ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation	33,400	0	6,000	27,400
4353	Purchase Costs	0	0	0	0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	0	0	0	0
4359	Other Electric Costs	0	0	0	0
HEALTH		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration	2,050	0	0	2,050
4414	Pest Control	150	0	0	150
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	5,800	0	0	5,800
WELFARE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	8,610	0	0	8,610
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	600	0	0	600
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	4,775	0	0	4,775
CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	24,300	0	0	24,300
4550-4559	Library	76,584	0	0	76,584
4583	Patriotic Purposes	1,000	0	0	1,000
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	1,000	0	0	1,000
CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources	675	0	0	675
4619	Other Conservation	0	0	0	0
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING	0	0	0	0
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	0	0	0	0
DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	33,050	-11,300	0	21,750
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	8,172	-1,595	0	6,577
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	2,500	0	0	2,500
4790-4799	Other Debt Service	0	0	0	0

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Prior Year Adopted Operating Budget	Reductions & Increases	Minus 1-Time Appropriations	DEFAULT BUDGET
	CAPITAL OUTLAY	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment				
4903	Buildings				
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.				
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund				
4913	To Capital Projects Fund				
4914	To Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer-				
	Water-				
	Electric-				
	Airport-				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund				
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917				
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds				
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds				
4919	To Fiduciary Funds				
	TOTAL	1,115,549	-3,841	16,700	1,095,008

Please use the box below to explain increases or reductions in columns 4 & 5.

Acct #	Explanation for Increases	Acct #	Explanation for Reductions
4140	Additional Cost for Three Elections	4711	Reduced Note Payment
4150	Trustee of Trust Funds Initial Budget	4721	Reduced Interest Payment
4210	Police Dispatch Contract		
4220	Fire Dispatch Contract		

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
FORM MS-1 FOR 2005

Municipal Services Division

PO Box 487, Concord, NH 03302-0487 Phone (603) 271-2687

Email: nduffy@rev.state.nh.us

Original Date:

2005

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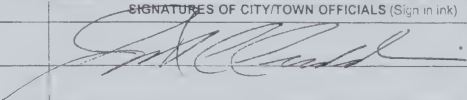
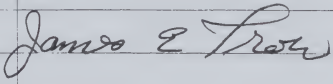
Revision Date:

CITY/TOWN of BENNINGTON IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information provided in this report was taken from the official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

RSA 21-J:34

PRINT NAMES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS	SIGNATURES OF CITY/TOWN OFFICIALS (Sign in ink)
JOSEPH C. CUDDERI	
TERRY D. SCHNARE	
JAMES E. TROW	

Date signed: _____ Check One: Governing ☒ Body ☐ Assessors ☐

City/Town Telephone # 588-2189 Due Date: September 1, 2005

Complete the above required certification by inserting the name of the city/town officials, the date on which the certificate is signed, and have the majority of the members of the board of selectmen/assessing officials sign in ink (RSA 41:15 & Rev. Rule 105.02).

REPORTS REQUIRED: RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon forms prescribed for that purpose.

NOTE The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/town tax assessments and sworn to uphold under oath per RSA 75.7. Please complete all applicable pages and refer to the instructions (pages 10 thru 15) provided for individual items.

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DRA NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1st TO AVOID LATE FILING PENALTIES. (RSA 21-J:34 & 36.)

RETURN THIS SIGNED AND COMPLETED INVENTORY FORM TO: NH Department Of Revenue Administration, Municipal Services Division, PO Box 487, Concord, NH 03302-0487.

Contact Person: DENISE FRENCH E-Mail Address: townofbenn@tds.net
(Print/type)

Regular office hours: MON-THURS 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

FOR DRA USE ONLY

See Instructions beginning on page 10, as needed.

MS-1

LAND	Lines 1A, B, C, D, E & F List all improved and unimproved land (include wells, septic & paving)	NUMBER OF ACRES	2005 ASSESSED VALUATION By CITY/TOWN
BUILDINGS	Lines 2A, B, C and D List all buildings.		
1	VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A, 3B and 4 A Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A (See page 10)	4673.861	\$ 432,957
	B Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B	0	0
	C Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C	0	0
	D Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	0	0
	E Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)	1881.952	\$ 28,446,900
	F Commercial/Industrial Land (<u>DO NOT</u> include Utility Land)	159.170	\$ 2,637,200
	G Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F)	6714.983	\$ 31,517,057
	H Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land (\$ 1,749,000)	246.310	
2	VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A and 3B A Residential		\$ 66,989,800
	B Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$ 1,845,500
	C Commercial/Industrial (<u>DO NOT</u> include Public Buildings)		\$ 9,894,000
	D Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D Number of Structures	0	0
	E Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D)		\$ 78,729,300
	F Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings (\$ 6,052,200)		
3	PUBLIC UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition) A Public Utilities (Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/dynamics/apparatus/poles/wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines etc.)		\$ 1,043,200
	B Other Public Utilities (Total of Section B from Utility Summary)		\$ 1,873,900
4	MATURE WOOD AND TIMBER (RSA 79:5)		
5	VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1G, 2E, 3A, 3B and 4) This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality		\$ 113,163,457
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a (Paraplegic and Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with VA Assistance) Total # granted	0	0
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b Total # granted	0	0
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a Total # granted	0	0
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 for each) (See page 10) Total # granted	0	0
10	Water/Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12-a Total # granted	0	0
11	MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES (Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10) This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value of your municipality.		\$ 113,163,457
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37 Total # granted	1	\$ 15,000
	Amount granted per exemption	15,000	
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39 a & b Total # granted	24	\$ 1,122,500
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b Total # granted	0	0
	Amount granted per exemption	0	
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b Total # granted	0	0
	Amount granted per exemption	1,000	

16	Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	Total # granted	0	0
17	Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62	Total # granted	0	0
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	Total # granted	0	0
19	Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV (Amounts in excess of \$150,000 exemption)	Total # granted	0	0
20	TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum of Lines 12-19)			\$ 1,137,500
21	NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED		(Line 11 minus Line 20)	\$ 112,025,957
22	LESS Utilities (Line 3A) Do NOT include the value of OTHER utilities listed in Line 3B			\$ 1,043,200
23	NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 21 minus Line 22)			\$ 110,982,757

UTILITY SUMMARY: ELECTRIC, GAS, OIL, PIPELINE, WATER & SEWER RSA 83-F

List by individual company/legal entity the valuation of operating plants employed in the production, distribution and transmission of electricity, gas pipeline, water and petroleum products. Include **ONLY** the names of the companies listed on the Instruction Sheets. (See Instruction page 11)

DOES YOUR MUNICIPALITY USE THE DRA UTILITY VALUES?

YES ☐NO ☒

IF YES, DO YOU EQUALIZE IT BY THE RATIO? (please check appropriate box if applicable)

YES ☐NO ☐

SECTION A: LIST ELECTRIC COMPANIES, GENERATING PLANTS, ETC.

(Attach additional sheet if needed.) (See Instruction page 11)

2005
VALUATION

PUBLIC SERVICE OF N.H.	\$ 1,043,200
A1. TOTAL OF ALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES LISTED (See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)	\$ 1,043,200

GAS, OIL & PIPELINE COMPANIES

A2. TOTAL OF ALL GAS, OIL & PIPELINE COMPANIES LISTED (See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)	0

WATER & SEWER COMPANIES

A3. TOTAL OF ALL WATER & SEWER COMPANIES LISTED (See instructions page 11 for the names of the limited number of companies)	0

GRAND TOTAL VALUATION OF ALL A UTILITY COMPANIES (Sum of Lines A1, A2, and A3)
This grand total of all sections must agree with the total listed on page 2, line 3A.

\$ 1,043,200SECTION B: LIST OTHER UTILITY COMPANIES (Exclude telephone companies.)
(Attach additional sheet if needed.)2005
VALUATION

MONADNOCK PAPER MILLS INC	\$ 1,873,900
TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION B. Total must agree with total listed on Page 2, Line 3B.	\$ 1,873,900

TAX CREDITS	LIMITS	*NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS	ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS
Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty RSA 72:35	\$ 700 minimum	0	0
Enter optional amount adopted by municipality \$ 2,000	\$ 0	2	\$ 4,000
Other war service credits RSA 72:28	\$ 50 minimum	0	0
Enter optional amount adopted by municipality \$ 500	\$ 0	62	\$ 31,000
TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT		64	\$ 35,000

*If both husband & wife qualify for the credit they count as 2
*If someone is living at a residence as say brother & sister, and one qualifies count as 1, not one-half.

DISABLED EXEMPTION REPORT			
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE	\$ 0	ASSET LIMITS: SINGLE \$ 0
	MARRIED	\$ 0	MARRIED \$ 0

ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:39-a						
NUMBER OF FIRST TIME FILERS GRANTED ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR CURRENT YEAR		PER AGE CATEGORY	TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED AN ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR & TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXEMPTION GRANTED			
			AGE	#	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE EXEMPTION AMOUNT	TOTAL ACTUAL EXEMPTION AMOUNT
65 - 74	2	\$ 25,000	65 - 74	10	\$ 25,000	\$ 250,000
75 - 79	0	\$ 50,000	75 - 79	7	\$ 50,000	\$ 347,500
80 +	0	\$ 75,000	80 +	7	\$ 75,000	\$ 525,000
			TOTAL	24		\$ 1,122,500
						Must Match Page 2, Line 13
INCOME LIMITS:	SINGLE	\$ 23,500	ASSET LIMIT:	SINGLE	\$ 75,000	
	MARRIED	\$ 35,500		MARRIED	\$ 75,000	

CURRENT USE REPORT - RSA 79-A

	TOTAL No. ACRES RECEIVING CURRENT USE ASSESSMENT	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CURRENT USE STATISTICS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES
FARM LAND	162.850	\$ 45,824	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	1,728.802
FOREST LAND	1,271.619	\$ 160,118	REMOVED FROM CURRENT USE DURING CURRENT YEAR	
FOREST LAND W/DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	2,943.242	\$ 222,956		
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	43.300	\$ 555	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS IN CURRENT USE	77
WETLAND	252.850	\$ 3,504	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS IN CURRENT USE	135
TOTAL (must match page 2)	4,673.861	\$ 432,957		

LAND USE CHANGE TAX

LAND USE CHANGE TAX			
GROSS MONIES RECEIVED FOR CALENDAR YEAR (January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004) OR FISCAL YEAR			\$ 0
CONSERVATION ALLOCATION:	PERCENTAGE	AND/OR	DOLLAR AMOUNT
MONIES TO CONSERVATION FUND			
MONIES TO GENERAL FUND			\$ 0

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT REPORT - RSA 79-B

	TOTAL No. ACRES RECEIVING CONS. RES. ASSESSMENT	ASSESSED VALUATION	OTHER CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT STATISTICS	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES
FARM LAND	0	0	RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT	0
FOREST LAND	0	0	REMOVED FROM CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT DURING CURRENT YEAR	
FOREST LAND W/DOCUMENTED STEWARDSHIP	0	0		
UNPRODUCTIVE LAND	0	0	TOTAL No. OF OWNERS IN CONSERVATION RES.	0
WETLAND	0	0	TOTAL No. OF PARCELS IN CONSERVATION RES.	0
TOTAL (must match page 2)	0	0		

DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS - RSA 79-C

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES IN DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS GRANTED DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETION EASEMENTS GRANTED (Map/Lot-Percentage Granted i.e.: Golf Course, Ball Park, etc.)
0	0	1
ASSESSED VALUATION		2
		3
		4

DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS - RSA 79-D Historical Agricultural Structures		
TOTAL NUMBER OF STRUCTURES IN DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS	DESCRIPTION OF DISCRETIONARY PRESERVATION EASEMENTS GRANTED (i.e.: Barns, Silos, etc.) MAP & LOT - PERCENTAGE GRANTED	
	1	10
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES	2	11
0	3	12
	4	13
ASSESSED VALUATION	5	14
\$ 0 L/O	6	15
\$ 0 B/O	7	16
TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS	8	17
0	9	18

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICTS RSA 162-K (See page 12 for instructions)	TIF#1	TIF#2	TIF#3	TIF#4
Date of Adoption	mm/dd/yy	mm/dd/yy	mm/dd/yy	mm/dd/yy
Original assessed value	\$	\$	\$	\$
+ Unretained/captured assessed value	\$	\$	\$	\$
= Amounts used on page 2 (tax rates)	\$	\$	\$	\$
+ Retained/captured assessed value	\$	\$	\$	\$
Current assessed value	\$	\$	\$	\$

* LIST REVENUES RECEIVED FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES Amounts listed below should not be included in assessed valuation column on page 2.	MUNICIPALITY	LIST SOURCE(S) OF PAYMENT In Lieu of Taxes Number of Acres	
State and Federal Forest Land, Recreation, and/or Flood Control Land from MS-4, acct. 3355 & 3357	\$ 0	0.00	
White Mountain National Forest, Only acct. 3186		0.00	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$ 500	Town of Antrim	
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$ 0		
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$ 0		
Other from MS-4, acct. 3186	\$ 0		
TOTALS of account 3186 (Exclude WMNF)	\$ 500		

* RSA 362-A:6, which previously allowed for municipalities to enter into payment in lieu of tax agreements with small scale power facilities, was repealed in 1997. No new or amended payment in lieu of tax agreements may be entered into since 1997.

Questions regarding these laws please consult with the DRA Utility Tax Appraiser at (603) 271-2687.

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED

(RSA 21-J:34)

Date of Meeting: March 8, 2005

Town Of: Bennington

County: Hillsborough

Mailing Address: 7 School Street - Unit 101

Bennington, NH 03442

Phone #: 588-2189

Fax #: 588-8005

E-Mail: townofbenn@tds.net

Certificate of Appropriations

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Governing Body (Selectmen)

*Please sign in ink.*Date: Mar 24/05

[Signature]
James E. Brown

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NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
 MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
 (603)271-3397

PENALTY: Failure to file within 20 days after each meeting at which appropriations were voted may result in a \$5.00 per day penalty (RSA 21-J:36).

1	2	3	4	5
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Department of Revenue Administration
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
4130-4139	Executive		113,709	
4140-4149	Election, Reg & Vital Statistics		26,836	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		8,720	
4152	Revaluation of Property		4,500	
4153	Legal Expense		10,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		142,947	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		4,850	
4194	General Government Buildings		15,600	
4195	Cemeteries		6,518	
4196	Insurance		18,000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		0	
4199	Other General Government		2,000	
PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
4210-4214	Police		152,579	
4215-4219	Ambulance		8,500	
4220-4229	Fire		56,617	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		4,000	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		0	
4299	Other (Including Communications)		0	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
4301-4309	Airport Operations		0	
HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
4311	Administration		100,390	
4312	Highways & Streets		86,500	
4313	Bridges		0	
4316	Street Lighting		7,300	
4319	Other		0	
SANITATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
4321	Administration		25,720	
4323	Solid Waste Collection		800	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		64,400	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		0	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other		33,400	
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
4331	Administration		24,800	
4332	Water Services		18,600	
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other		9,000	
ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
4351-4359	Electrical Operations		0	

1	2	3	4	5
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations As Voted	For Use By Department of Revenue Administration
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration		2,758	
4414	Pest Control		2,444	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		5,800	
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		8,513	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts		653	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		4,775	
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		24,370	
4550-4559	Library		76,584	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1,000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		1,000	
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		675	
4619	Other Conservation		0	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING		0	
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		0	
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		33,050	
4721	Interest Long Term Bonds & Notes		8,172	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Note		2,500	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		0	
CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land		0	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		0	
4903	Buildings		0	
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs		0	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		0	
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		464	
4914	To Enterprise Fund		0	
	Sewer-		0	
	Water-		0	
	Electric-		0	
	Airport-		0	
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		136,500	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917		0	
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds		0	
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds		0	
4919	To Agency Funds		0	
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS			1,255,013	

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

Municipal Services Division 2005 Tax Rate Calculation

TOWN/CITY: BENNINGTON

Gross Appropriations	1,255,013
Less: Revenues	597,509
Less: Shared Revenues	19,978
Add: Overlay	4,995
War Service Credits	35,000



Net Town Appropriation	677,521
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	677,521
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TOWN RATE
6.05

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue)	0
Regional School Apportionment	2,255,688
Less: Equitable Education Grant	(938,898)
Less: Additional FY04 Targeted Aid	(3,086)
State Education Taxes	(283,359)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	1,030,345

**LOCAL
SCHOOL RATE**
9.20

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x	\$2.84
99,774,358	283,359
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)	
110,982,757	
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State	
Pay to State →	0

**STATE
SCHOOL RATE**
2.55

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	124,559
Less: Shared Revenues	(4,514)

Approved County Tax Effort	120,045
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COUNTY RATE
1.07

Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,111,270
Less: War Service Credits	(35,000)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	2,076,270

TOTAL RATE
18.87

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	2.55	283,359
All Other Taxes	16.32	1,827,911
		2,111,270

TRC#
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SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

It is with a sigh of relief that we convey our annual message to the citizenry. We are fortunate to acknowledge that the Town escaped the damaging floods and destruction experienced by our neighbors in the southwest corner of the state this past October.

The 2005 town meeting drew only 28% of the checklist. For the first time voters convened in the St. Patrick's Church meeting hall to cast their ballots. The change in location provided a brighter, quieter, warmer location for the election workers who are on duty from 7:30 a.m. until well after 9:00 p.m. Highlights of the voting were the overwhelming passage of increased Tax Credits for our Veterans and the adoption of the Exemption for the Blind. Also passing easily was the creation of a Town Forest to be named in memory of Bruce Edes.

We are pleased to announce that Bennington's 2004 Town Report received third place honors in the 751-1500 population category of the Local Government Center's Annual Report Contest. As always, the report could not be printed without the bountiful donation of paper received every year from the Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.

Through the Capital Reserve Funding Program, the Town purchased a replacement fire truck and police cruiser in 2005. The "big" highway truck is slated to be replaced in 2006. Through the Town Building Expendable Trust Fund all windows at Town Hall have been replaced with energy efficient window systems. As with the Library building after they replaced their storm windows last year, we expect to see a significant decline in the consumption of heating oil.

We applaud the Fire Department officials for their efforts in successfully acquiring a \$30,305 grant. The Department was able to add a cascade compressor system to their station, along with an expanded amount of self-contained breathing apparatus equipment to their trucks.

Moms, dads, and guardians: Are you aware that the Town awards a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating Conval senior each year? The Edward E. French Memorial Scholarship went unclaimed in 2005. We encourage all college-bound high school seniors to pick up an application in the guidance office at Conval High School. The Town plans to award two scholarships in the spring of 2006.

The combined office of Health & Welfare was separated in 2005. Code Enforcement Officer Peter Hopkins agreed to take on the additional responsibility of Health Officer. The Selectmen were fortunate in hiring Christine Lavery as the Human Services Director. Chris also serves the town of Peterborough and brings a wealth of experience with her.

In August the Selectmen enacted a Parking Ordinance. It is designed to reduce or eliminate illegal parking and is intended to enforce illegal stopped or parked vehicles regardless of whether the vehicle is attended or unattended. The entire text of the Ordinance can be found elsewhere in the Town Report.

The Selectmen continue their pursuit of cleaner neighborhoods. The Code Enforcement Officer is finalizing his reports to turn over the files of noncompliant offenders to town counsel for remedy.

Dennis McKenney, through perseverance, time, money and equipment has successfully established the true boundary lines on the Deering town line. Without his pro bono help, the

problem would have remained unchecked and unverified. The Selectmen applaud his efforts and commitment and owe him a debt of gratitude.

The following folks retired from their positions in 2005:

Dawn Bond – Tax Collector, Assistant Administrator
James Cleary – Zoning Board of Adjustment
Joyce Desaulniers – Newhall Park Board
Philip Germain, Planning Board
Barbara Goodwin – Zoning Board of Adjustment
Jane Handy – Budget Committee
Elizabeth Lewsen-Green – Trustee of Trust Funds
Letitia Rice – Planning Board
Terry Schnare – Selectman
Scott Sweeney – Budget Committee
Philip Traxler – Cemetery Trustee
Glenn Wilson – Health & Welfare Officer
Charles Zabriskie – Cemetery Trustee

We extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to these folks for their commitment and dedication to serve the Town. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

In last year's Selectmen's Message we closed with a notation about the Community Post Office closing unexpectedly. We are happy to report that in December of 2005 the Community Post Office returned to Bennington; thanks to the efforts of many folks.

To the department heads and employees, the committee and board members, and the volunteers that all work for the behalf of the town and its citizens, we give our unending thanks and praise. Without your thoughtfulness and caring for the town, we would not be the community we are today, and community is everything.

Thank you for being a citizen in this great Town of Bennington.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph C. Cuddemi
James E. Trow
Philip R. Germain

TREASURER'S REPORT
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2005	\$	430,708.55
Receipts			2,837,855.34
Disbursements			<u>(2,769,927.41)</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2005	\$	498,636.48

CONSERVATION FUND

Cash Balance	1/1/2005	\$	4,346.87
Interest Earned			<u>10.88</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2005	\$	4,357.75

DRIVEWAY SECURITY ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2005	\$	8,998.47
Service Charge			(5.00)
Interest			8.45
Receipts			2,000.00
Security Deposits Returned			<u>(4,000.00)</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2005	\$	7,001.92

NHMA - PLIT

Cash Balance	1/1/2005	\$	1,346.13
Interest			<u>4.37</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2005	\$	1,350.50

RUSSELL J. REMILLARD - ESCROW ACCOUNT

Cash Balance	1/1/2005	\$	1,322.70
Interest			<u>3.10</u>
Cash Balance	12/31/2005	\$	1,325.80

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce L. Miner
Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REVENUE REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

Motor Vehicle Registrations		\$236,301.48
Motor Vehicle Copy Fee		65.00
Municipal Agent Fees		5,112.50
Motor Vehicle Titles		812.00
Motor Vehicle Program		247.00
UCC & IRS Lien Filings		400.00
Marriage Licenses:	Town	63.00
	State	342.00
Certified Copies:	Town	129.00
	State	243.00
Dog Licenses:	Town	1,724.50
	State	190.00
	Animal Population Control	708.00
Dog Mail Program		49.00
Dog License Fines		576.00
Bad Check Fees		50.00
Election Fees		5.00
Parking Tickets		125.00
Miscellaneous		<u>25.00</u>
Total Revenue Collected by the Town Clerk		\$247,167.48

I hereby certify that the above report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Debra Belcher, Town Clerk

TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2005 TOWN MEETING

DELIBERATIVE SESSION- SESSION 1

AND

MARCH 8, 2005 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS- SESSION 2

Session 1 of the 2005 Bennington Town Meeting convened on Tuesday, February 8, 2005 at the Pierce School multi-purpose room in Bennington, New Hampshire. John J. Cronin III, the Town Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. The procedures and rules of conduct for the deliberative session were explained by the Moderator as mandated under Senate Bill 2 which the town of Bennington adopted on March 12, 1996. Each warrant article will be read and discussed and any amendments proposed from the floor must be submitted in writing to the Moderator.

All voting on the Warrant Articles, Town & School District Officials, and the Conval School District Warrant Articles will be voted on at the polls on March 8, 2005 at the Meeting Hall at Saint Patrick's Church in Bennington, New Hampshire. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote: You are hereby notified to meet at the Pierce School on Tuesday, the eighth day of February, next at seven o'clock in the evening. You are hereby notified to meet at the Meeting Hall at Saint Patrick's Church on Tuesday, the eighth day of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Note: The casting of absentee ballots will begin at 1:30 p.m. The polls will close at 7:00 p.m.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. The results of the March 8th elections are as follows:

Selectman (3 years)- Joseph C. Cuddemi

Selectman (2 years)- James E. Trow

Treasurer- Joyce L. Miner

Library Trustee (3 years)- Elisabeth "Lisa" Shingler

Library Trustee (2 years)- Laurie MacKeigan

Library Trustee (1 year)- Karen Aucella

Cemetery Trustee- Peter Martel

Planning Board Member (3 years)- Edward J. Pelletier

Planning Board Member (2 years)- Mark Mackesy (write-in)

Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 years)- Barbara C. Goodwin

Zoning Board of Adjustment (3 years)- John Tyler

Zoning Board of adjustment (1 year)- Dave Beck

Trustee of the Trust Funds (3 years)- Richard A. Page

Trustee of the Trust Funds (1 year)- Joy Lewis

Water & Sewer Commissioner- Glenn Wilson

When the polls opened at 8:00 a.m., the Voter Checklist contained 946 registered voters. During Election Day, 10 new voters were added to the checklist. When the polls closed at 7:00 p.m., the Voter Checklist totaled 956 voters. A total of 272 voters cast their ballots in this election, which was a 28% voter turnout.

The Deliberative Session Town Meeting, Session 1, as attended by 28 registered voters.

Before the discussion on the warrant articles began, the Moderator asked that the voters pause to observe a moment of silence for Selectman Bruce Edes, who passed away unexpectedly during his term.

The Moderator initiated discussion on the following articles:

2. Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, for an optional veteran's tax credit for qualified veterans? The optional veteran's tax credit proposed is \$500, compared to the existing tax credit of \$100.

Note: Selectman Cuddemi asked Veteran Sam Zachos to address the article. Mr. Zachos stated that he was pleased to see the article and feels that the Veterans should be highly commended. The tax credits would be helpful and a good gesture to the families who are serving to protect us now. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS : YES- 243 NO- 23

THE ARTICLE PASSED

3. Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35, I-a, for an optional tax credit for service-connected total disability for qualified veterans? The optional tax credit for service-connected total disability proposed is \$2,000, compared to the existing tax credit of \$1,400.

Note: Selectman Cuddemi moved the article as read, stating that this also was an article to help the veterans. The article was seconded without discussion and accepted as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS: YES- 241 NO- 23

THE ARTICLE PASSED

4. Shall the Town of Bennington adopt the Exemption for the Blind, based on any person who is legally blind as determined by the Blind Services Program, Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, or Department of Education? Every inhabitant shall be exempt each year on the assessed value, for property tax purposes, or his or her residential real estate to the value of \$15,000.

Note: Selectman Cuddemi moved the article as read, noting that the article has been visited before.. The article was seconded without discussion and accepted as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS: YES- 221 NO- 42

THE ARTICLE PASSED

5. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, **not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately**, the amounts set forth on the budget proposed with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling (one million, one hundred fifteen thousand, five hundred forty-nine dollars) \$1,115,549.00? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be (one million, forty-two thousand, three hundred fifty-five dollars) \$1,042,355.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Note: Selectman Cuddemi presented an amendment to the article to the Moderator that read as follows:

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, **not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately**, the amounts set forth on the budget proposed with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling (one million, one hundred eighteen thousand, forty-nine dollars) \$1,118,049? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be (one million, forty-two thousand, three hundred fifty-five dollars) \$1,042,355, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Chief Steve Campbell spoke to the amendment and explained that the increase in funds are due to a pending court case that had not been foreseen at the time of budgeting. The Police Department could potentially need the extra added to their budget for animal control for the purpose of boarding horses in an animal neglect case.

Mark Chase inquired whether the monies budgeted would be used for another purpose if it were not used for animal control. The Chief assured Mr. Chase that if the funds were not required, they would not be spent but returned to the Town budget.

Being no further discussion, the motion was passed to accept the amendment on article five as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS YES- 166 NO- 92

THE ARTICLE PASSED

6. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-seven thousand dollars (\$37,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi explained that articles number six through sixteen are capital reserve issues.

Fire Chief Mark Chase addressed the article, explaining that the 1989 Ford Pumper has significant rusting and is now having functional problems. Fire Chief Chase has brought the issue to the Selectmen and the Budget Committee and bids have been obtained for replacement. Fire Chief Chase explained that the truck was due to be replaced in 2008 but could not be kept in service that long due to damage by water and weight. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS YES- 195 NO- 67

THE ARTICLE PASSED

7. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi moved that the article be moved as read. The article was accepted without discussion.

3/08/05 RESULTS YES- 182 NO- 83

THE ARTICLE PASSED

8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS YES- 184 NO- 79

THE ARTICLE PASSED

9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS YES- 162 NO- 102

THE ARTICLE PASSED

10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS YES- 194 NO- 70

THE ARTICLE PASSED

11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS YES- 162 NO- 99

THE ARTICLE PASSED

12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read

3/08/05 RESULTS YES- 203 NO- 60

THE ARTICLE PASSED

13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS YES- 177 NO- 83

THE ARTICLE PASSED

14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS YES- 193 NO- 67

THE ARTICLE PASSED

15. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi addressed the article and noted that the town just completed the revaluation. This article is a housekeeping article to set aside the funds for the next revaluation in five years. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS YES- 155 NO- 107

THE ARTICLE PASSED

16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) to be added to the Sidewalk Replacement Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi addressed the article and stated that the town could use grant money available to help with the care of named streets and drainage issues. The state portion of the grant would cover 80% and the Town portion of 20% has been being put away each year. The grant needs to be used within the next three to four years. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS YES- 165 NO- 95

THE ARTICLE PASSED

At this time a question was brought before the floor by Joseph MacGregor. As a member of the Capital Reserve Committee, Mr. MacGregor inquired as to whether there would be a public hearing about combining Capital Reserve Articles.

Town Administrator, Denise French explained that the Capital Reserve articles are presented as a breakdown of each department at this time.

17. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred sixty-three dollars and fifty cents (\$463.50) as its share of the 2005 programming for Project LIFT, which provides literacy services and materials to Bennington citizens over 16 years of age?

Note: No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS YES- 213 NO- 50

THE ARTICLE PASSED

18. Shall the Town designate Town owned land (Map 9 Lot 8) as a Town forest to be named in memory of Bruce Edes and, in accordance with provisions of RSA 31:112, authorize the Conservation Commission to manage the Town forest?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi turned the question over to the Chairman of the Conservation Committee, Jonathan Manley. Mr. Manley presented a map of intent of a Town forest. He went further to explain that the Conservation Committee had been commissioned to find the best fitted area for a Town forest. About a year ago Richard Verney met with the Conservation Committee about adding to the land for the forest. Selectman Bruce Edes, who was also a Conservation Committee member recently passed away and made this appear to be the ideal to move forward on this project and dedicate the forest to Mr. Edes. The parcel of town owned land in question was described as a neat, natural spot right in downtown. Speaking ahead on the next article, it was explained that the selectmen were seeking approval to accept a portion of land from Monadnock Paper Mill in the amount of approximately 17 acres to add to the Town forest. Being no more discussion, the article was moved and accepted as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS YES- 235 NO- 28

THE ARTICLE PASSED

19. Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to accept land and /or easements on land now belonging to Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc. And adjacent to Town land (Map 9, Lot 8) for the purpose of expanding a Town forest dedicated to the memory of Bruce Edes?

Note: No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS YES- 239 NO- 26

THE ARTICLE PASSED

20. Are you in favor of authorizing the Planning Board to prepare and amend, with input from municipal departments and committees, a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least six years to aid the Selectmen and the Budget Committee in their consideration of the annual budget as permitted by RSA 674:5?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi noted that this is an article about long range planning. From the floor, Joseph MacGregor inquired as to the need of this article. Selectman Cuddemi explained that it was a recommendation of Southwest Regional. Mr. MacGregor stated that the article really has more to do with the Master Plan. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS YES- 173 NO- 82

THE ARTICLE PASSED

21. Shall the Town permit the public library to retain all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment?

Note Selectman Cuddemi asked Lisa Shingler to speak to the article. As chairman of the Library Trustees, Ms. Shingler explained that this is a housekeeping article which would enable the library to keep the monies it generates for its operating use. At the present time, such monies are given to the general fund and asked for as needed. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS YES- 240 NO- 25

THE ARTICLE PASSED

22. To see if the Town will vote to urge the Selectmen to do everything in their power to restore full Postal Service to downtown Bennington.

Note: Victoria Turner addressed the article explaining that she felt the need to get a sense of the Town's feeling about losing in-town postal boxes. A committee has been formed and surveys have been put out to the community. The committee believes that small towns have their own zip code and should have their own Post Office.

Selectman Cuddemi stated that the deadline for Post Office bids has expired. There have been bids made within the town. As per the Postal Service, the Town will be notified as to where the site would be. There being no further discussion, the article was accepted as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS YES- 198

NO- 57

THE ARTICLE PASSED

23. Polling hours in the Town of Bennington are now 8 o'clock in the morning to 7 o'clock in the evening. Shall we place a question on the state election ballot to change polling hours so that polls shall open at 10 o'clock in the morning and close at 8 o'clock in the evening for all regular state elections beginning in 2006?

Note: Victoria Turner addressed the article stating that there were both advantages and disadvantages to shortening the voting hours by one hour. Ms. Turner stated that many people working outside of town find it hard to get back before the 7:00 p.m. closing time. She also stated that she feels that morning voters have more flexibility.

Moderator Cronin stated that the election workers would be staying later at night and this could make it harder to get adequate numbers of counters on election nights. One answer to the demand for counters could be a ballot machine. This would not only come with the initial cost but a fee for programming the machine for each election. From the floor, Kristie French noted that at present with the polls closing at 7:00 p.m., residents can obtain an absentee ballot if their work schedule does not permit them to get back to town before the time of polls closing. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS YES- 87

NO- 167

THE ARTICLE FAILED

24. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to assemble all of the Minutes of the Town Meeting, Session One and Two, in notebook form to be available in the Town Hall and the Town Library. The notebooks shall include the Minutes of Town Meetings going at least 25 years back, and of this and all future Town Meetings. The purpose of this warrant article being to codify the voters of the town, and to make it easier for townspeople to see what decisions have been made in the past.

Note: Victoria Turner addressed the article stating that this is a project that she has had in mind. The project would not have to be bound or costly but put in a notebook form and made readily available at both the Town Library and Town Hall. Both places currently have the information but Ms. Turner feels that it should be available to the public with less research. At present, the information needs to be obtained by researching the Town Reports or asking to see the Town Clerk's copy of the minutes on file. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/08/05 RESULTS YES- 164 NO- 91

THE ARTICLE PASSED

There being no new business, Jonathan Manley stated that he feels that the process of counting ballots is a looked forward to social event by many townspeople. Mr. Manley also expressed his gratitude to the volunteers that worked on the Conservation Town Forest Project. He also noted that the Conservation Committee is looking for more volunteers.

Victoria Turner thanked the people from the Transfer Station for their fine efforts on recycling all kinds of paper.

Joseph MacGregor reminded all that the Conval District Meeting is planned for February 9,2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Selectman Cuddemi thanked all the committee people for their work. He also thanked everyone for their support and stated he will continue to look for ways to help the town.

There being no other business at hand, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra Belcher".

Debra Belcher

Town Clerk

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2005 - DECEMBER 31, 2005

	2005	2004
UNCOLLECTED TAXES 01/01/05		
Property Taxes		\$164,253.48
Land Use Change Taxes		
Yield Taxes		
Excavation Taxes		
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR		
Property Taxes	\$2,078,775.00	
Land Use Change Taxes	34,620.00	
Yield Taxes	6,205.52	
Excavation Taxes	1,836.86	
OVERPAYMENT		
Property Taxes	6,848.78	1,237.02
INTEREST & FEES	2,407.58	10,394.04
TOTAL DEBITS	<hr/> \$2,130,693.74	<hr/> \$175,884.54
REMITTED TO TREASURER 2005		
Property Taxes	\$1,947,019.76	\$114,690.27
Land Use Change Taxes	34,620.00	
Yield Taxes	6,205.52	
Interest/Fees	2,407.58	10,477.04
Excavation Taxes	1,836.86	
Conversion to Lien (principal)		43,286.21
ABATEMENTS		
Property Taxes	2,586.00	7,431.02
Current Levy Deeded	1,283.00	
UNCOLLECTED TAXES 12/31/05		
Property Taxes	\$134,735.02	
TOTAL CREDITS	<hr/> \$2,130,693.74	<hr/> \$175,884.54

A list of unpaid accounts is available for public inspection,
at Town Hall, during regular office hours.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kristie J. French
Tax Collector

TOWN OF BENNINGTON
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
JANUARY 1, 2005 - DECEMBER 31, 2005

		TAX LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES:			ELDERLY/ DISABLED TAX LIEN
		2004	2003	PRIOR	
Unredeemed Liens January 1, 2005			\$44,831.73	\$36,587.15	\$46,806.99
Liens Executed 2005		52,182.62			8,095.00
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	Interest	684.47	3,557.57	13,399.05	
	Costs	307.38	406.70	1,392.50	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$53,174.47	\$48,796.00	\$51,378.70	\$54,901.99
REMITTANCE TO TREASURER					
Redemptions		\$19,258.68	\$18,249.41	\$33,603.78	\$0.00
Interest & Costs		991.85	3,964.27	14,791.55	0.00
Abatement of Unredeemed Liens		19.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality		1,441.96	1,824.84	2,701.53	0.00
Unredeemed Tax Liens December 31, 2005		31,462.62	24,757.48	281.84	54,901.99
TOTAL CREDITS		\$53,174.47	\$48,796.00	\$51,378.70	\$54,901.99

A list of unpaid accounts is available for public inspection,
at Town Hall, during regular office hours.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kristie J. French
Tax Collector

WATER AND SEWER FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

Unpaid Balance January 1, 2005			\$13,236.82
Charges:			
Water Usage	\$45,534.33		
Water Interest	\$664.34		
Shutoff Notice Fees	\$1,115.00		
Lien Fees	\$187.00		
Sewer Usage	\$25,758.45		
Sewer Interest	+ \$484.33		
		+ \$73,743.45	
TOTAL CHARGES			<u>\$86,980.27</u>
2004 Credit Carried Forward		- \$10.66	
Prepaid 2006			
Water	\$27.47		
Sewer	<u>\$1.91</u>		
		+ \$29.38	
Conversion to Lien			
Water	\$2,711.99		
Sewer	<u>\$1,334.40</u>		
		- \$4,046.39	
Receipts to Treasurer			
Water	\$49,168.83		
Sewer	<u>\$29,333.47</u>		
		- \$78,502.30	
Abatements			
Water	\$1,258.64		
Sewer	<u>\$269.63</u>		
		- \$1,528.27	
Unpaid Water & Sewer Charges December 31, 2005			<u>\$2,922.03</u>

A list of unpaid accounts is available for public inspection,
at Town Hall, during regular office hours.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kristie J. French
Tax Collector

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

LOCAL TAXES FOR CURRENT YEAR		
Property Tax	\$1,947,020	
Current Use Change Tax	34,620	
Yield Tax	6,206	
Excavation Tax	1,834	
Interest/Penalties	<u>2,408</u>	
		\$1,992,088
LOCAL TAXES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS		
Property Tax	\$157,976	
Interest/Penalties	10,477	
Tax Liens Redeemed	71,112	
Tax Lien Interest/Penalites	<u>19,748</u>	
		\$259,313
WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT		\$78,502
TOWN CLERK REVENUE		\$247,168
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE		
Shared Revenue Grant	\$103,570	
Highway Block Grant	37,945	
Water Pollution Grant	10,526	
DWI Grant	2,213	
Snow Removal Grant	2,687	
Fire Act Grant	30,305	
Forestry Grant	<u>6,231</u>	
		\$193,477
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES		
Building Permits	\$905	
Driveway Permits	50	
Cable Franchise Fees	2,065	
Pistol Permits	10	
Sign Permits	10	
Court Fines	1,700	
Bad Check Fees	<u>50</u>	
		\$4,790
INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS		
Police	\$499	
Planning	415	
Zoning	85	
Recycling	11,793	
Cemetery	150	
Election and Registration	180	
Photocopies	166	
Welfare	<u>100</u>	
		\$13,388

REIMBURSEMENTS		
PD Special Details	\$20,419	
Conval Election Costs	<u>180</u>	
		\$20,599
SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY		\$2,853
INTEREST		<u>\$1,272</u>
TOTAL 2005 RECEIPTS		<u><u>\$2,813,450</u></u>

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Selectmen Salaries	\$2,250	
Telephone	\$1,434	
Computer	\$6,086	
Copier Lease	\$1,570	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$865	
Advertising	\$365	
General Supplies	\$337	
Office Supplies	\$2,464	
Postage	\$2,674	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$524	
Administrator Salary	\$42,358	
Office Support Salaries	\$40,119	
Mileage/Expenses	\$1,756	
Moderator's Salary	\$20	
Town Report Printing	\$1,425	
Newsletter Printing	\$465	
Computer Replacement	\$1,615	
Total Executive Office		\$106,327

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Town Clerk	\$14,713	
Deputy Town Clerk	\$3,120	
Assistant Town Clerk	\$3,227	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$60	
Office Supplies	\$557	
Books & Periodicals	\$151	
Municipal Agent Mail Program	\$27	
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$225	
Supervisors of the Checklist - Conval	\$180	
Advertising	\$115	
Voter Ballot Clerks	\$288	
Election Printing	\$449	
Election Meals	\$66	
Total Election and Registration		\$23,178

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Auditing Services	\$6,997	
Assessing/Tax Map Maintenance	\$3,776	
Tax Collector Dues and Subscriptions	\$22	
Tax Collector Fees	\$1,497	
Treasurer's Salary	\$750	
Overlay	\$1,159	
Refunds-Tax Collector	\$6,927	
Total Financial Administration		\$21,128

JUDICIAL & LEGAL EXPENSE

General Legal Support	\$7,712	
Total Judicial & Legal Expense		\$7,712

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION			
	Group Health Insurance	\$76,752	
	Group Dental Insurance	\$3,452	
	FICA/Medicare	\$24,026	
	Group 1 Retirement	\$11,324	
	Police Retirement	\$11,129	
	Unemployment Compensation	\$68	
	Workers Compensation	\$6,634	
	Total Personnel Administration		\$133,385
PLANNING AND ZONING			
	Recording Secretary	\$1,155	
	SWRPC Member Dues	\$1,590	
	Miscellaneous	\$553	
	Master Plan	\$2,320	
	ZBA Miscellaneous	\$1,124	
	Total Planning and Zoning		\$6,742
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS			
	Custodial/Groundskeeping	\$6,889	
	Security/Fire System Maintenance	\$720	
	Electricity	\$2,571	
	Heat & Oil	\$8,581	
	Repairs and Maintenance	\$1,964	
	Total General Government		\$20,725
CEMETERIES			
	Evergreen Groundskeeping/Laborer	\$2,472	
	Sunnyside Groundskeeping/Laborer	\$2,546	
	Labor	\$390	
	Total Cemeteries		\$5,408
PROPERTY/LIABILITY/BOND INSURANCE			
	NHMA-PLIT Annual Premium	\$16,318	
	Deductible Coverage	\$1,001	
	Total Property/Liability/Bond Insurance		\$17,319
CONTINGENCY FUND			
	General Contingency Fund	\$3,542	
	Abatement Interest	\$34	
	Total Contingency Fund		\$3,575

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Salary	\$49,989	
Patrol Officer Salary	\$39,058	
Overtime	\$11,654	
Part-Time Officers Salary	\$17,670	
Crossing Guard Salary	\$3,929	
Holiday Compensation	\$4,989	
Special Detail Wages	\$17,142	
Traffic Enforcement Grant	\$2,039	
Administrative Telephone	\$2,206	
Cellular Telephone	\$712	
Lease of Pagers	\$335	
Photo Services	\$121	
Dispatch Services	\$7,270	
Equipment/Training Supplies	\$1,506	
Administrative Office Supplies	\$875	
Maintenance/Repair of Equipment	\$267	
Administrative Gasoline	\$6,968	
Administrative Vehicle Repairs	\$2,366	
Books/Periodicals	\$196	
Uniforms	\$584	
Miscellaneous	\$309	
Education/Safety	\$70	
Computer Replacement	\$1,578	
Total Police Department		\$171,833

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Antrim Ambulance	\$8,000	
Total Ambulance Service		\$8,000

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Elected Chiefs Salaries	\$1,500	
Administrative Telephone	\$1,422	
Dispatch Services	\$8,570	
General Supplies	\$2,842	
Firefighter Emergency Calls	\$8,000	
Medical	\$1,815	
Fire Prevention Materials	\$393	
Training	\$3,065	
Radio Lease	\$8,147	
Equipment Replacement	\$10,567	
Radio Repairs	\$818	
Gasoline	\$753	
Repair - Vehicles	\$5,005	
Electricity	\$1,543	
Heating Oil	\$4,205	
Repairs/Maintenance	\$1,488	
Total Fire Department		\$60,133

BUILDING INSPECTION

Building Inspector's Salary	\$988	
Books & Education	\$148	
Total Building Inspection		\$1,136

GENERAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Road Agent Salary	\$32,348
Highway Laborer Salary	\$33,979
Road Agent Overtime	\$2,527
Highway Laborer Overtime	\$3,694
Highway Part-Time Laborer	\$437
Telephone	\$523
Drug/Alcohol Testing	\$292
Garage Electricity	\$1,019
Highway Garage Heat	\$2,863
Barn Maintenance/Repairs	\$193
General Supplies	\$2,043
Street Signs	\$681
Equipment Maintenance/Repairs	\$4,657
Gasoline/Oil	\$6,228
Vehicle Maintenance/Repair	\$5,355
Miscellaneous	\$1,240

Total General Highway Department

\$98,079

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

Tar/Patch/Seal	\$11,913
Paving	\$35,000
Paving/Recon Equipment	\$1,355
Road Drainage Supplies	\$2,540
Snow/Ice Supplies	\$22,452
Hired Plowing/Sanding	\$16,179
Gravel Preparation	\$4,785

Total Highways and Streets

\$94,224

STREET LIGHTING

Street Lighting Electricity	\$7,096
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Total Street Lighting

\$7,096

TRANSFER STATION

Attendants	\$26,334
Household Hazardous Waste Day	\$591
Post-Closure Costs	\$15,399
Telephone	\$381
Hauling and Disposal	\$40,462
Electricity	\$635
Shed Heat	\$195
General Supplies	\$14
Equipment Maintenance	\$375
Certification	\$150
Miscellaneous	\$454
Recyclables Removal	\$2,468
Container Lease	\$1,785
NHRA Annual Dues	\$100

Total Transfer Station

\$89,343

WATER DEPARTMENT		
Labor Wages	\$745	
Commissioners Salaries	\$450	
Town of Antrim	\$16,970	
NE Rural Water Association Dues	\$190	
Postage	\$940	
Miscellaneous	\$12	
Telephone	\$713	
Electricity	\$8,278	
Pumphouse Heat	\$809	
Line Repairs/Maintenance	\$4,987	
Total Water Department		\$34,094
SEWER DEPARTMENT		
Sewage Treatment - Town of Antrim	\$21,738	
Electricity	\$2,716	
Propane	\$90	
Repair/Maintenance	\$420	
Monitoring Fee	\$2,570	
Generator Maintenance	\$2,080	
Total Sewer Department		\$29,614
HEALTH DEPARTMENT		
Health Officer Salary	\$185	
Miscellaneous	\$10	
Total Health Department		\$195
ANIMAL CONTROL		
Veterinary Services	\$2,065	
Total Animal Control		\$2,065
HEALTH AGENCIES		
Home Health Care	\$4,000	
Monadnock Family and Mental Health	\$1,800	
Total Health Agencies		\$5,800
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT		
Human Services Officer Salary	\$1,385	
Dues and Subscriptions	\$30	
Postage	\$8	
Rental Assistance	\$8,835	
St. Joseph Community Services	\$325	
Vendor Payments - Medical	\$109	
Vendor Payments - Food	\$28	
Vendor Payments - Electric/Heat	\$1,109	
Gasoline	\$24	
Miscellaneous	\$153	
Total Welfare Department		\$12,006

PARKS AND RECREATION

Telephone	\$500
Christmas Party	\$642
Fishing Derby	\$200
Activities	\$1,191
Little League	\$1,500
Miscellaneous	\$2,140
Groundskeeping	\$6,822
Electricity - Newhall Field	\$2,175
Ballfield Repairs	\$958
Ballfield Chemical Toilets	\$1,188
Recreation Facilities	\$798
Lifeguard Salary	\$4,504
Beach Improvements	\$1,256
Beach Water Sample/Analysis	\$60
Beach Red Cross Supplies	\$254

Total Parks and Recreation

\$24,188

LIBRARY

Librarian Salary	\$29,285
Librarian Assistants	\$16,790
Book Collection	\$15,000
Media Collection	\$4,000
Telephone	\$548
Building Electricity	\$1,084
Building Heating Oil	\$4,186
Grounds Maintenance	\$554
Building Maintenance	\$1,000
Photo Copier Supplies	\$1,368
Circulation & Office	\$1,500
Program Supplies	\$1,300
Conference/Fees	\$1,600
Technology	\$550

Total Library

\$78,765

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Memorial Day	\$1,067
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Total Patriotic Purposes

\$1,067

PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM NOTES

Note Repayments	\$1,300
General Obligation Debt	\$31,750

Total Principal - Long Term Notes

\$33,050

INTEREST - LONG TERM NOTES

Interest on Notes	\$49
Interest General Obligation Debt	\$8,095

Total Interest - Long Term Notes

\$8,144

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Fire Truck Capital Reserve	\$37,000
Highway Equipment Capital Reserve	\$10,000
Rescue Capital Reserve	\$8,000
Police Cruiser Capital Reserve	\$12,500
Library Capital Reserve	\$5,000
Highway Truck Capital Reserve	\$20,000
Water Capital Reserve	\$8,000
Sewer Capital Reserve	\$5,000
Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve	\$5,000
Sidewalk Construction	\$11,000
Property Reval	\$15,000

Total Capital Reserve Funds

\$136,500

2005 WARRANT ARTICLES

Project Lift	\$464
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Total 2005 Warrant Articles

\$464

TOTAL 2005 EXPENDITURES

\$1,241,295

2005 Payroll

Marguerite E. Armstrong	\$72.00
Debra Belcher	\$15,346.37
Karen M. Belcher	\$3,227.07
Thomas J. Belcher	\$111.29
Thomas S. Belcher	\$2,941.52
Heather Bennett	\$2,403.00
David Blanchard	\$35,148.32
Dawn A. Bond	\$5,819.67
Victoria E. Burnham	\$36.70
C. Stephen Campbell	\$69,841.07
Scott A. Champagne	\$381.15
Mark S. Chase	\$850.00
David M. Chenard	\$6,201.00
Catherine C. Conrey	\$185.00
Drusilla Cox	\$135.00
John J. Cronin, III	\$20.00
Joseph C. Cuddemi	\$750.00
Franklin D. Dalton	\$668.50
Roland R. Davison, II	\$1,358.75
Denise P. French	\$43,513.36
Kristie J. French	\$29,981.04
Philip Germain	\$303.00
Patricia C. Goodwin	\$638.58
Peter W. Hopkins	\$987.50
Robert C. Horn	\$150.00
Walter D. Kiblin	\$37,673.17
Erik K. Kokal	\$315.00
Christine P. Lavery	\$1,000.00
Leslie MacGregor	\$29,356.80
Philip M. Marcellino	\$54,803.79
Lester P. Milton	\$11,675.80
Joyce L. Miner	\$750.00
Barbara E. Moorehead	\$135.00
Megan M. Neveu	\$1,786.00
Joseph J. O'Brien	\$500.00
Donald G. Parker, Sr.	\$15,284.36
Barbara J. Parker	\$4,817.79
Caleb S. Platt	\$297.14
Melissa A. Searles	\$16,114.95
Michael Tacy	\$11,127.48
James E. Trow	\$750.00
Victoria Turner	\$135.00
Debra M. Whitney	\$3,120.16
Sfa Whittemore	\$72.00
Glenn P. Wilson	\$1,079.28
Jill S. Young	\$72.00
Dorothy A. Zabriskie	\$3,929.14
TOTAL 2005 PAYROLL	\$415,864.75

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

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Board of Selectmen
Town of Bennington, New Hampshire

We have compiled the financial statements of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2005 included in the accompanying Form F-65 (MS-5), in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Our compilation was limited to presenting in the form prescribed by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, information that is the representation of Town Officials. We have not audited or reviewed the financial statements referred to above and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

The financial report, Form F-65 (MS-5), is presented in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such differences.

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

January 26, 2006

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(7-1-2004)

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION



**ANNUAL CITY/TOWN
FINANCIAL REPORT**

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Bennington Town
Chr Bd Selectmen
7 School Street, Unit 101
Bennington, NH 03442

(Please correct any error in name, address, and ZIP Code)

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FORM TO

State of New Hampshire
Department of Revenue Administration
Community Services Division
PO Box 487
Concord, NH 03302-0487
Telephone: (603) 271-3397

Part I GENERAL FUND - Revenues and expenditures for the period - Specify -

January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005
OR
July 1, 200__ to June 30, 200__

A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual

	Account No. (a)	Amount (b)
1. Revenues from taxes (Including state education)		
a. Property taxes (commitment less overlay plus Section C, line 6, column (c), page 12)	3110	T01 \$ 2,068,470
b. State and local taxes assessed for school districts	\$ 1,313,704 4933	T01
c. Land use change taxes - General Fund	3120	T01 34,620
d. Land use change taxes - Conservation Fund	3121	T01
e. Resident taxes	3180	T01
f. Timber taxes	3185	T01 6,206
g. Payments in lieu of taxes	3186	U99
h. Other taxes (Explain on separate schedule)	3189	T01
i. Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes	3190	T01 32,633
j. Excavation Tax (@ \$.02 per cu. yd.)	3187	T99 1,837
k. TOTAL (Excluding line 1b)		\$ 2,143,766
2. TOTAL revenues for education purposes (This entry should be used by the few municipalities which have dependent school districts only)		\$
3. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees		T99
a. Business licenses and permits	3210	\$ 400
b. Motor vehicle permit fees	3220	T01 242,688
c. Building permits	3230	T99 875

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)			
A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual (Continued)		Account No. (a)	Amount
3. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees (Continued)		T99	(b)
d. Other licenses, permits, and fees		3290	4,761
e. TOTAL			\$ 248,724
4. Revenue from the federal government		B50	
a. Housing and urban renewal (HUD)		3311	\$
b. Environmental protection		3312	B89
c. Other federal grants and reimbursements - Specify - FEMA \$ 2,687 Homeland Security 30,817		3319	B89 33,504
d. TOTAL			\$ 33,504
5. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire		C30	
a. Shared revenue block grant		3351	\$ 51,171
b. Meals and rooms distribution		3352	C30 52,399
c. Highway block grant		3353	C46 37,945
d. Water pollution grants		3354	C89 10,526
e. Housing and community development		3355	C50
f. State and federal forest land reimbursement		3356	C89
g. Flood control reimbursement		3357	C89
h. Other state grants and reimbursements - Specify - Police - DWI & Enforcement \$ 2,213		3359	C89 2,213
i. TOTAL			\$ 154,254
6. Revenue from other governments		D89	
Intergovernmental revenue - Other		3379	\$
7. Revenue from charges for services (Exclude interfund transfers)		A89	
a. Income from departments		3401	\$ 502
b. Water supply system charges		3402	A91 47,501
c. Sewer user charges		3403	A80 26,242
d. Garbage-refuse charges		3404	A81 11,793
e. Electric user charges		3405	A92
f. Airport fees		3406	A01
g. Parking			A60
h. Transit or bus system			A94
i. Parks and Recreation			A61
j. Other Charges Police special details		3409	A89 20,419
k. TOTAL			\$ 106,457

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)		
A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No. (a)	Amount (b)
8. Revenue from miscellaneous sources		
a. Special assessments	3500	U01 \$
b. Sale of municipal property	3501	U11 3,003
c. Interest on investments	3502	U20 279
d. Rents of property	3503	U40
e. Fines and forfeits	3504	U99 1,700
f. Insurance dividends and reimbursements	3506	U99 92
g. Contributions and donations	3508	U99
h. Other miscellaneous sources not otherwise classified	3509	U99 2,389
i. TOTAL		\$ 7,463
9. Interfund operating transfers in		
a. Transfers from special revenue fund	3912	\$
b. Transfers from capital projects fund	3913	
c. Transfers from proprietary funds	3914	
d. Transfers from capital reserve fund	3915	
e. Transfers from trust and fiduciary funds	3916	941
f. Transfers from conservation fund	3917	
g. TOTAL		\$ 941
10. Other financial sources		
a. Proceeds from long-term notes and general obligation bonds	3934	\$
b. Proceeds from all other bonds	3935	
c. Other long-term financial sources	3939	
d. TOTAL		\$
11. TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES		\$ 2,695,109
12. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (Beginning of year) (Should equal line B.2f, column b, page 9)		\$ 214,567
13. TOTAL OF LINES 11 AND 12 (Should equal line 21, page 8)		\$ 2,909,676
Remarks		

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)					
B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual		Account No.	Total expenditure	Equipment and land purchases	Construction
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1. General government					
a. Executive	4130	E29 \$	106,529	G29 \$	F29 \$
b. Election and registration	4140	E89	23,171	G89	F89
c. Financial administration	4150	E23	13,840	G23	F23
d. Revaluation of property	4152	E23		G23	F23
e. Legal expense	4153	E25	8,078	G25	F25
f. Personnel administration	4155	E29	133,385	G29	F29
g. Planning and zoning	4191	E29	6,742	G29	F29
h. General government building	4194	E31	20,904	G31	F31
i. Cemeteries	4195	E89	5,408	G89	F89
j. Insurance not otherwise allocated	4196	E89	17,319	G89	F89
k. Advertising and regional association	4197	E89		G89	F89
l. Other general government	4199	E89	3,575	G89	F89
m. TOTAL			\$ 338,951	\$	\$
2. Public safety					
a. Police	4210	E62 \$	174,752	G62 \$	F62 \$
b. Ambulance	4215	E32	8,000	G32	F32
c. Fire	4220	E24	95,010	G24 30,305	F24
d. Building inspection	4240	E66	1,286	G66	F66
e. Emergency management	4290	E89		G89	F89
f. Other public safety (including communications)	4299	E89		G89	F89
g. TOTAL			\$ 279,048	\$ 30,305	\$
3. Airport/Aviation center					
a. Administration	4301	\$		\$	\$
b. Airport operations	4302				
c. Other	4309				
d. TOTAL		E01 \$		G01 \$	F01 \$
Remarks					

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)				
B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
4. Highways and streets				
a. Administration	4311	\$ 98,326	\$	\$
b. Highways and streets	4312	95,364		
c. Bridges	4313			
d. Street lighting	4316	7,862		
e. Other highway, streets, and bridges	4319			
f. TOTAL		E44 \$ 201,552	G44 \$	F44 \$
5. Sanitation		E80	G80	F80
a. Administration	4321	\$ 89,493	\$	\$
b. Solid waste collection	4323	E81	G81	F81
c. Solid waste disposal	4324	E81	G81	F81
d. Solid waste clean-up	4325	E81 1,338	G81	F81
e. Sewage collection and disposal	4326	E80 29,753	G80	F80
f. Other sanitation	4329	E80	G80	F80
g. TOTAL		\$ 120,584	\$	\$
6. Water distribution and treatment				
a. Administration	4331	\$ 19,347	\$	\$
b. Water services	4332	15,650		
c. Water treatment	4335	1,983		
d. Water conservation	4338			
e. Other water	4339			
f. TOTAL		E91 \$ 36,980	G91 \$	F91 \$
7. Electric				
a. Administration	4351	\$	\$	\$
b. Generation	4352			
c. Purchase costs	4353			
d. Equipment maintenance	4354			
e. Other electric	4359			
f. TOTAL		E92 \$	G92 \$	F92 \$

Part I		GENERAL FUND (Continued)			
B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)		Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
8. Health					
a. Administration		4411	\$ 195	\$	\$
b. Pest control		4414	2,065		
c. Health agencies and hospitals		4415	5,800		
d. Vital statistics		4140			
e. Other health		4419			
f. TOTAL			E32 \$ 8,060	G32 \$	F32 \$
9. TOTAL expenditures for education purposes (This entry should be used by the few municipalities which have dependent school districts only)			\$	\$	\$
10. Welfare			E79	G79	F79
a. Administration		4441	\$ 10,260	\$	\$
b. Direct assistance		4442	E67		
c. Intergovernmental welfare payments		4444	M79 326		
d. Vendor payments		4445	E75 1,424		
e. Other welfare		4449	E79	G79	F79
f. TOTAL			\$ 12,010	\$	\$
11. Culture and recreation			E61	G61	F61
a. Parks and recreation		4520	\$ 24,180	\$	\$
b. Library		4550	E62 52,591	G62	F62
c. Patriotic purposes		4583	E61 1,068	G61	F61
d. Other culture and recreation		4589	E61 464	G61	F61
e. TOTAL			\$ 78,303	\$	\$
12. Conservation					
a. Administration		4611	\$	\$	\$
b. Purchase of natural resources		4612			
c. Other conservation		4619			
d. TOTAL			E59 \$	G59 \$	F59 \$
13. Redevelopment and housing					
a. Administration		4631	\$	\$	\$
b. Redevelopment and housing		4632			
c. TOTAL			E50 \$	G50 \$	F50 \$

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)				
	Account No (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
14. Economic development				
a. Administration	4651	\$	\$	\$
b. Economic development	4652			
c. Other economic development	4659			
d. TOTAL		E89 \$	G89 \$	F89 \$
15. Debt service				
a. Principal long term bonds and notes	4711	\$ 33,050		
b. Interest on long term bonds and notes	4721	I89 8,144		
c. Interest on tax and revenue anticipation notes	4723	I89		
d. Other debt service charges	4790	E23		
e. TOTAL		\$ 41,194		
16. Capital outlay			G89	F89
a. Land and improvements	4901		\$	\$
b. Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	4902		G89	
c. Buildings	4903			F89
d. Improvements other than buildings	4909			F89
e. TOTAL			\$	\$
17. Interfund operating transfers out				
a. Transfers to special revenue funds	4912	\$ 26,318		
b. Transfers to capital projects funds	4913			
c. Transfers to proprietary funds	4914			
d. Transfers to capital reserve funds	4915	136,500		
e. Transfers to expendable trust funds	4916			
e. Transfers to nonexpendable trust funds	4918			
f. TOTAL		\$ 162,818		

Remarks

B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No. (a)	Amount (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
18. Payments to other governments				
a. Taxes assessed for county	4931	\$ 124,559		
b. Taxes assessed for precincts/village districts	4932			
c. Local education taxes assessed	4933	1,030,345		
d. State education taxes assessed	4939	283,359		
e. Payments to other governments	4939			
f. TOTAL		\$ 1,438,263		
19. TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 2,717,763	\$ 30,305	\$
20. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (End of year) (Should equal line B,2f, column c, on page 9 and line 13 on page 3, less line 19 above)		\$ 192,913		
21. TOTAL OF LINES 19 AND 20 (Should equal line 13 on page 3)		\$ 2,910,676		

As of December 31, 2004 OR June 30, 200__

A. ASSETS		Account number	Beginning of year	End of year
1. Current assets		(a)	(b)	(c)
a. Cash and equivalents		1010	\$ 432,052	\$ 498,636
b. Investments		1030		1,350
c. Taxes receivable (See worksheet, page 12)		1080	164,253	134,735
d. Tax liens receivable (See worksheet, page 12)		1110	68,269	51,370
e. Accounts receivable		1150	27,105	18,249
f. Due from other governments		1260		
g. Due from other funds		1310	3,992	
h. Other current assets		1400	5,719	
i. Tax deeded property (subject to resale)		1670		
j. TOTAL ASSETS (Should equal line B3)			\$ 701,390	\$ 704,340
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY				
1. Current liabilities				
a. Warrants and accounts payable		2020	\$ 14,817	\$ 18,314
b. Compensated absences payable		2030		
c. Contracts payable		2050		
d. Due to other governments		2070	328	237
e. Due to school districts		2075	470,355	491,253
f. Due to other funds		2080		
g. Deferred revenue		2220		300
h. Notes payable - Current		2230		
i. Bonds payable - Current		2250		
j. Other payables	Deposits	2270	1,323	1,323
k. TOTAL LIABILITIES			\$ 486,823	\$ 511,427
2. Fund equity				
a. Reserve for encumbrances (Please detail on page 10)		2440	\$	\$ 8,000
b. Reserve for continuing appropriations (Detail on page 10)		2450		
c. Reserve for appropriations voted from surplus		2460		
d. Reserve for special purposes (Please detail on page 10)		2490		
e. Unreserved fund balance		2530	214,567	184,913
f. TOTAL FUND EQUITY			\$ 214,567	\$ 192,913
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY				
(Should equal line A1j)			\$ 701,390	\$ 704,340

Part IV	DETAIL
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This page may be used to provide the detail requested wherever "Explain" or "Specify" is found. If additional space is needed, please add extra pages using the following format. Please show the detail and the total for each.

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Please Detail Reserves from page 9 (Balance Sheet)

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Part V	GENERAL FUND
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A. PLEASE LIST THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS TO AMORTIZE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION

(Debt as of (enter date) December 31, 2005 for the ensuing five years)

	Year (a)	Principal (b)	Interest (c)	Total (d)
1.	2006	\$ 21,750	\$ 6,577	\$ 28,327
2.	2007	21,750	5,412	27,162
3.	2008	21,750	4,247	25,997
4.	2009	21,740	3,083	24,823
5.	2010	21,140	1,919	23,059
6. SUBTOTAL (Sum of lines 1-5)		108,130	21,238	129,368
7. Remaining periods of debt		14,220	1,413	15,633
8. TOTAL		\$ 122,350	\$ 22,651	\$ 145,001

B. AMORTIZATION OF LONG-TERM DEBT As of December 31, 2005 OR June 30, 2006 (Please specify Date)

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Part VI RECONCILIATIONS				
A. RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY				
	Amount			
1. School district liability at beginning of year (Account number 2075, column b, on page 9)	\$ 470,355			
2. ADD: School district assessment for current year	1,313,704			
3. TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR (Sum of lines 1 and 2)	1,784,059			
4. SUBTRACT: Payments made to school district	(1,292,806)			
5. School district liability at end of year (line 3 less line 4) (Account number 2075, column c, on page 9)	491,253			
B. RECONCILIATION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES				
	Amount			
1. Short-term (TANS) debt at beginning of year	61V \$ -			
2. ADD: New issues during current year	None			
3. SUBTRACT: Issues retired during current year	()			
4. Short-term (TANS) debt outstanding at end of year (Lines 1 + 2 - 3) (Be sure to include (TANS) in Account number 2230, column c, page 9)	64V \$			
PLEASE REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE SECTIONS C AND D				
C. ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS WORKSHEET				
	Current year (a)	Prior year (b)	TOTALS (c)	
1. Overlay/Allowance for Abatements (Beginning of year)*	4,995	60,000	64,995	
2. SUBTRACT: Abatements made (From tax collector's report)	(3,869)	(13,453)	(17,322)	
3. SUBTRACT: Discounts	()	()	()	
4. SUBTRACT: Refunds (Cash abatements)	()	()	()	
5. ESTIMATED ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS AT END OF YEAR**	()	(60,000)	(60,000)	
6. Excess of estimate (Add to revenue on page 1, line 1a)	1,126	(13,453)	(12,327)	
*Use overlay amount for column (a) and use last year's balance of line 5, Allowance for Abatements for column b (see your form from last year).				
**The amount in column c will go into line 1(b) for next year's worksheet.				
D. TAXES/LIENS RECEIVABLE WORKSHEET		1080 taxes (a)	1110 liens (b)	TOTALS (c)
1. Uncollected, end of year	\$ 134,735	\$ 111,370	\$ 246,105	
2. SUBTRACT: "Overlay" carried forward as Allowance for Abatements (from Worksheet C, line 5)	()	(60,000)	(60,000)	
3. Receivable, end of year*	134,735	51,370	186,105	
*(These amounts are entered on page 9, account number 1080 and 1110, column c)				

SUMMARY OF REVENUES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS - Please specify the period - January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005 OR July 1, 200__ to June 30, 200__					
Part VI	Capital projects	Special revenue	Proprietary funds		
	(a)	(b)	Enterprise	Internal service	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	
REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
1. Revenue from taxes	T01	T01	T01		
2. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees	\$	\$	\$		\$
3. Revenue from the federal government	B89	B89	B89		
4. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire	C89	C89	C89		
5. Revenue from other governments	D89	D89	D89		
6. Revenue from charges for services			A91		
(a) Water supply system charges			A80		
(b) Sewer user charges			A81		
(c) Garbage/refuse collection charges	A92	A92	A92		
(d) Electric	A01	A01	A01		
(e) Airport and aviation	A44	A44	A44		
(f) Highway and toll facilities	A61	A61	A61		
(g) Parks and recreation	A60	A60	A60		
(h) Parking	A94	A94	A94		
(i) Transit or bus system	A	A	A		
(j) Other - Specify -	A	A	A		
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
7. Revenue from miscellaneous sources	U20	U20	U20		
(a) Interest on investments		19			
(b) Other miscellaneous sources	U99	U99	U99		
8. Interfund operating transfers in		26,318			
9. Other financial sources					
10. TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES	\$	\$	\$		\$

Part VIII						
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS - Please specify the period -						
January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005 OR July 1, 200__ to June 30, 200__						
EXPENDITURES (BY FUNCTIONS)	Capital projects (a)	Special revenue (b)	Proprietary funds			
			Enterprise (c)	Internal service (d)		
1. General government	F89 \$	E89 \$	E89 \$	E89 \$		
2. Public safety	F89	E89	E89	E89		
3. Airport/Aviation center	F01	E01	E01	E01		
4. Highways and streets	F44	E44	E44	E44		
5. Sanitation	F80	E80	E80	E80		
6. Water distribution and treatment	F91	F91	F91	F91		
7. Electric	F92	E92	E92	E92		
8. Health	F32	E32	E32	E32		
9. Welfare	F79	E79	E79	E79		
10. Culture and recreation	F61	E61	E61	E61		
11. Parking	F60	E60	E60	E60		
12. Transit or bus system	F94	E94	E94	E94		
13. Conservation	F59	E59	E59	E59		
14. Redevelopment and housing	F50	E50	E50	E50		
15. Economic development	F89	E89	E89	E89		
16. Debt service		E23	E23	E23		
17. Capital outlay	F89	F89	F89	F89		
18. Interfund operating transfers out						
19. Payments to other governments						
20. TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	\$	35,480	\$		
Remarks						

BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS - Please specify the period -						
As of December 31, 2005 OR June 30, 200__						
Parat IX	Account No.	Capital projects	Special revenue	Proprietary funds		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	Enterprise	Internal service	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	
A. ASSETS						
1. Current assets						
(a) Cash and equivalents	1010	\$	\$ 9,619	\$	\$	
(b) Investments	1030					
(c) Accounts receivable	1150					
(d) Due from other governments	1260					
(e) Due from other funds	1310					
(f) Other - Specify -						
2. Fixed assets						
(a) Land and improvements	1610	\$	\$	\$	\$	
(b) Buildings	1620					
(c) Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	1640					
(d) Construction in progress	1650					
(e) Improvements other than buildings	1660					
(f) Other - Specify -						
3. TOTAL ASSETS						
		\$	\$ 9,619	\$	\$	

Part VII

BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS (Continued) - Please specify the period -

As of December 31, 2005 OR June 30, 2006

B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	Account No.	Capital projects	Special revenue	Proprietary funds	
				Enterprise	Internal service
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1. Liabilities					
(a) Warrants and accounts payable	2020	\$	\$	\$	\$
(b) Compensated absences payable	2030				
(c) Contracts payable	2050				
(d) Due to other governments	2070				
(e) Due to other funds	2080				
(f) Deferred revenue	2220				
(g) Notes and bonds payable					
(h) Other - Specify -					
(i) TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$	\$	\$	\$
2. Fund equity/Capital					
(a) Reserve for encumbrances	2440	\$	\$		
(b) Reserve for special purposes	2490				
(c) Unreserved fund balance	2530		9,619		
(d) Municipal contributed capital	2610				
(e) Other contributed capital	2620				
(f) Retained earnings	2790				
(g) TOTAL FUND EQUITY			9,619		
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		\$	\$ 9,619	\$	\$

A. INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Report payments made to the State or other local governments on reimbursement or cost-sharing basis. Do not include these expenditures in part VII.

Purpose (a)	Account No. (b)	Amount (c)
Payments made to other local governments for:		M12
Schools		\$
Sewers		M80
All other - County	4931	M89
All other - Towns	4199	M89
Payments made to State for:		L44
Highways	4319	L89
All other purposes	4199	

B. DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED

Long-term debt purpose (a)	Bonds outstanding at the beginning of this fiscal year (b)	Bonds during this fiscal year		Outstanding at the end of this fiscal year	
		Issued (c)	Retired (d)	General obligations (e)	Revenue bonds (f)
Water	19A 101,400	29A	39A 17,000	41A 84,400	44A
Sewer	19X 54,000	29X	39X 16,050	41X 37,950	44X
Industrial revenue	19T	29T	34T		44T
All other debt	19X	29X	39X	41X	44X
Education	19H	29F	39F	41F	44F
Interest on water debt	19I				

C. SALARIES AND WAGES

Report here the total salaries and wages paid to all employees of your city before deductions for social security, retirement, etc. include also salaries and wages paid to employees of any utility owned and operated by your government, as well as salaries and wages of city employees charged to construction projects. These amounts may be taken from the W3 form filed by your government for the year ended December 31.

Total wages paid

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\$416,189

D. CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD AT END OF FISCAL YEAR

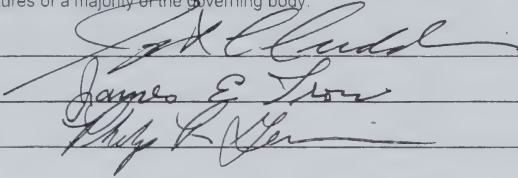
Report separately for each of the two types of funds listed below, the total amount of cash on hand and on deposit and investments in Federal Government, Federal agency, State and local government, and non-governmental securities. Report all investments at par value. Exclude accounts receivable, value of real property, and all non-security assets.

Type of fund (a)	Amount at end of fiscal year Omit cents (b)
Bond funds - Unexpended proceeds from sale of bond issues held pending disbursement	W31
All other funds except employee retirement funds	W51 \$1,263,734

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Signatures of a majority of the governing body:



James E. Lora
Philip R. Lora

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Three copies of this report are sent to each municipality. Selectmen, treasurer and tax collector are expected to cooperate in making out this report. When completed, one copy should be returned to the Department of Revenue Administration and one copy should be placed in your municipal records. The third copy is for use in preparing the annual printed report for the voters.

Please be sure you have completed Part IX, items A-D.

WHEN TO FILE: (R.S.A. 21-J)

- * For cities/towns reporting on a calendar year basis, this report must be filed on or before April 1.
- * For cities/towns reporting on an optional fiscal year basis (year ending June 30), this report must be filed on or before September 1.

WHERE TO FILE

Department of Revenue Administration
State of New Hampshire
Community Services Division
PO Box 487
Concord, NH 03302-0487

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Bennington on December 31, 2005

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL				INCOME: DURING YEAR				Total Trust Fund End of Year
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	(Withdrawals)	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Amount	(Expended) During Year	Balance End Year	

CEMETERY FUNDS:

	CEMETERY FUNDS	CEMETERY CARE	COMMON TRUST	\$27,786.48			\$27,786.48	\$5,709.21			\$5,709.21	\$33,495.69
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LIBRARY AND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

	EDWARD FRENCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND	SCHOLARSHIP	MBIA	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00	\$292.63			\$292.63	\$1,292.63
	LIBRARY FUNDS	LIBRARY	COMMON TRUST	80,241.40			80,241.40	41.93			41.93	80,283.33
				\$81,241.40			\$81,241.40	\$334.56			\$334.56	\$81,575.96

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

1990	FIRE TRUCK	CAPITAL RESERVE	MBIA	\$119,004.49	\$37,000.00	-\$153,043.35	\$2,961.14	\$21,867.10	\$2,292.80	-\$24,159.90	0.00	\$2,961.14
1993	WATER DEPARTMENT	CAPITAL RESERVE	MBIA	36,101.28	8,000.00		44,101.28	8,236.23	1,284.06	-3,992.00	5,528.29	49,629.27
1993	FORESTRY TRUCK	CAPITAL RESERVE	MBIA	17,516.77			17,516.77	619.43			4,787.78	22,304.55
1994	LIBRARY STRUCTURE	CAPITAL RESERVE	MBIA	35,480.00	5,000.00	-4,551.97	35,928.03	968.98	931.96	-1,900.94	0.00	35,928.03
1997	SEWER DEPARTMENT	CAPITAL RESERVE	MBIA	25,000.00	5,000.00		30,000.00	-4,530.72	947.52		5,478.24	35,478.24
1997	RESCUE TRUCK	CAPITAL RESERVE	MBIA	39,079.28	8,000.00		47,079.28	4,239.01	1,386.71		5,625.72	52,705.00
1997	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT	CAPITAL RESERVE	MBIA/SOVEREIGN	24,291.81	10,000.00		34,291.81	418.18	843.59		1,261.77	35,553.58
1999	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRUCK	CAPITAL RESERVE	MBIA	75,787.66	20,000.00		95,787.66	9,515.24	3,258.78		12,774.02	108,561.68
1999	POICE CRUISER	CAPITAL RESERVE	MBIA	20,229.63	12,500.00	-23,942.61	8,787.02	916.38	368.36	-1,284.74	0.00	8,787.02
1999	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MOWER	CAPITAL RESERVE	MBIA	5,503.33			5,503.33	811.56	219.77		1,031.33	6,534.66
2001	BRIDGE REHLACEMENT	CAPITAL RESERVE	MBIA	41,000.00	5,000.00		46,000.00	3,874.48	1,404.12		5,278.60	51,278.60
2001	FIRE DEPARTMENT RADIOS	CAPITAL RESERVE	MBIA	174.76		-174.66	0.10	1.50	1.30	-2.80	0.00	0.10
2002	SIDEWALK REPAIR	CAPITAL RESERVE	MBIA	51,000.00	11,000.00		62,000.00	1,218.90	1,658.78		2,877.68	64,877.68
2002	REVALUATION	CAPITAL RESERVE	MBIA	1,300.00	15,000.00		16,300.00	393.25	276.14		669.39	16,969.39
2001	BRIDGE EXPENDABLE TRUST	EXPENDABLE TRUST	MBIA	21,103.34			21,103.34	689.01	622.54		1,311.55	22,414.89
2001	TOWN BUILDINGS EXPENDABLE TRUST	EXPENDABLE TRUST	MBIA	35,670.11		-16,910.59	18,759.52	918.38	778.63	-1,697.01	0.00	18,759.52
		TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		\$548,242.46	\$136,500.00	-\$198,623.18	\$486,119.28	\$62,767.27	\$16,894.49	-\$33,037.39	\$46,624.37	\$532,743.65

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDING COMMITTEE

The former Capital Improvement Planning Committee, whose job was to review and establish reserve funding for costly acquisitions, has been re-named the Capital Reserve Funding Committee. This name change reflects the 2005 Town Meeting vote which authorizes the Planning Board to prepare and amend, with input from municipal departments and committees, a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects.

The Capital Reserve Funding Committee has devised a user-friendly format that the voters can clearly follow and understand the financial impact of the Departments being funded. The following report reflects 2006 funds appropriated by the Funding Committee:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FUNDS

A. Trucks	\$30,000	
B. Mower	\$ 0	
C. Bridge Repair	\$ 0	
D. Equipment	\$ 5,000	
E. Bridge Replacement	\$ <u>5,000</u>	
Total Highway Department Funds		\$40,000

FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDS

A. Trucks	\$30,000	
B. Rescue Vehicle	\$ <u>8,000</u>	
Total Fire Department Funds		\$38,000

POLICE DEPARTMENT FUND

A. Cruiser	\$ <u>12,500</u>	
Total Police Department Fund		\$12,500

UTILITY DEPARTMENT FUNDS

A. Water	\$ 8,000	
B. Sewer	\$ <u>5,000</u>	
Total Utility Department Funds		\$13,000

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT FUNDS

A. Revaluation	\$15,000	
B. Town Buildings	\$ 5,000	
C. Sidewalk Improvement	\$ <u>15,000</u>	
Total Municipal Department Funds		\$35,000

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT FUND

A. Repairs & Equipment	\$ <u>5,000</u>	
Total Library Department Funds		\$ <u>5,000</u>

2006 Funding Requested		\$143,500
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Highway Department:

Through 2005, the Town has been funding one vehicle through the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund (CRF). The Funding Committee unanimously voted to begin setting aside funds for the eventual replacement of two highway trucks, beginning in 2006. The 1995 International Truck is scheduled to be replaced in 2006. The new truck will be equipped with a plow and sander; the International will be sold with the existing equipment on it. The Committee voted to appropriate \$30,000 to the Highway Trucks CRF. The established funding represents \$20,000 towards the replacement of the primary vehicle and \$10,000 towards the eventual replacement of the one-ton truck.

December 31, 2005 CRF balances for all Highway Department accounts are as follows:

Trucks	\$108,561.68
Mower	\$ 6,534.66
Bridge Repair	\$ 22,414.89
Equipment	\$ 35,553.58
Bridge Replacement	<u>\$ 51,278.60</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$224,343.41

Fire Department:

In August the Fire Department took delivery of a 2005 International Ferrara Fire Truck at a cost of \$177,203.25. Through 2005, the Town has been funding one vehicle through the Fire Truck CRF. The Funding Committee unanimously voted to begin setting aside funds for the eventual replacement of two fire trucks, beginning in 2006. The Committee voted to appropriate \$30,000 to the Fire Trucks CRF. The established funding represents \$20,000 towards the replacement of the 1998 fire truck and \$10,000 towards replacement of the 2005 fire truck. The Funding Committee and the Fire Department recommend combining the Forestry Truck CRF with the Rescue Vehicle CRF. Warrant articles to accomplish this plan will be before the voters on the March 14, 2006 ballot. By law, the Forestry Truck CRF has to be discontinued, with the funds being deposited into the general fund (warrant article #7). A second warrant article (#8) will "raise and appropriate" the estimated \$24,000 in discontinued funds, plus the \$8,000 recommended appropriation for the Rescue Vehicle CRF – for a total of \$32,000. Only \$8,000 is derived from taxation, \$24,000 represents movement of the discontinued funds from the general fund to the Rescue Vehicle CRF.

December 31, 2005 CRF balances for all Fire Department accounts are as follows:

Trucks	\$ 2,961.14
Rescue Vehicle	\$ 52,705.00
Forestry Truck	<u>\$ 22,304.55</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$ 77,970.69

Police Department:

In May the Police Department took delivery of a 2005 Crown Victoria police cruiser at an equipped cost of \$25,227.35.

December 31, 2005 CRF balance for the Police Cruiser is \$8,787.02

Utility Departments:

The Water Commissioners reported that the State is demanding that the Town provide a backup source of water in 2006. Antrim and Bennington Commissioners plan a joint purchase of a generator, transport trailer, wiring and transfer switch at an approximate cost of \$20,000 for each community. Also mandated is security of the perimeter of the pump house. Installation of fencing is estimated to cost \$10,000.

The Sewer Commissioners reported there are no immediate plans or date when the lagoons will be dredged. They suggested that ideally the Town should be setting aside \$25,000 to \$50,000 each year to pay for the anticipated one-million dollar project.

December 31, 2005 CRF balances for the Utility Departments CRF are as follows:

Water	\$ 49,629.57
Sewer	<u>\$ 35,478.24</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$ 85,107.81

Municipal Departments:

The next revaluation is tentatively scheduled for 2009. The Sidewalk Replacement Program is in its infancy with preliminary paperwork in process; eventually a public hearing will be scheduled to receive input on the project. In 2005 all the windows at Town Hall were replaced at a cost of \$18,607.60.

December 31, 2005 CRF balances for the Municipal Departments CRF are as follows:

Revaluation	\$ 16,969.39
Town Buildings	\$ 18,759.52
Sidewalk Improvement	<u>\$ 64,877.68</u>
Cumulative Balance	\$100,606.59

Library Department:

The Library Trustees reported that \$6,452.91 was withdrawn from the Library CRF in 2005 for refurbishment and restructuring of the Library's interior, as well as technologic software.

December 31, 2005 CRF balance for the Library Department CRF is \$35,928.03.

The cumulative balance of all Capital Reserve Funds is \$532,743.55

PLANNING BOARD

2005 has proven to be a very busy and productive year for the Planning Board.

We saw the departing of some familiar faces that have worked hard and contributed much to the Board over the years. We would like to thank Letitia Rice for all her efforts and wish her well. She will be missed. Phil Germain has left the Board to take up responsibilities as a Selectman. However we are very fortunate that he still will be part of our process as an ex-officio member. He has a wealth of knowledge and history that we draw on regularly.

Both Mark Mackesy and Ed Pelletier were elected as new members and welcomed with open arms as they bring new eyes and energy to our Board. As new members they have been working hard to get up to speed and their efforts are much appreciated.

With all these changes in personnel we still dealt with a full calendar. The Master Plan was updated and will continue to be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure it remains as up-to-date as possible. The first ever Open Space Residential Development subdivision was approved. After much discussion and review, subdivision approval was granted to TPR Development Company, LLC for the creation of "Crotched Mountain Woods". The original 33-acre parcel, located on Gillis Hill Road, was subdivided into eleven new building lots, while forever preserving eighteen acres of common open space. Five of the new lots will be accessed from Pinehurst Drive; the remaining six lots will be accessed from Inverness Way. This granting will keep the rural character of the area by giving only two road cuts instead of the customary one cut per lot. These are just some of the larger issues that were dealt with last year.

As always we urge anyone that might be considering undertaking anything from a boundary line adjustment to a subdivision, or even the installation of a new driveway, to please feel free to contact the Board with any questions or call Town Hall and make an appointment to come in for an informal chat session.

Wishing all a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Eisenberg, Chair
Peter Eppig, Vice Chair
Philip Germain, Ex-officio
Mark Mackesy
Edward Pelletier
Jeffrey Rose, Alternate

GEP DODGE LIBRARY

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<http://www.dodgeliibrary.com>

Director- Leslie MacGregor ~ Assistant Librarian- Melissa Searles

Trustees- Lisa Shingler-Chair, Karen Aucella-Treasurer, Laurie MacKeigan

Alternate- Christine McClure ~ Friends of the Library- Laurie MacKeigan

2006 is our 100th anniversary. Come check us out. When you do, you will see that we are desperate for space. We need space for patrons to study, research and read. We need space for programming, for the collection, and for the technology to run a 21st century library. The library has only 904 usable square feet and every single square foot is being used. The library needs to be handicapped accessible, it needs to provide for safe access to the collection and to the facilities. There needs to be adequate room for programs so that programs can be held on site and indoors at any time of the year, safe from inclement weather and insects. Bennington needs to prepare the library for the library's next 100 years of service to our town. It would be a short sighted tragedy not to provide for future Bennington generations in the manner that previous generations prepared for us.

We have had a very successful year getting the library fully automated. We are now only one step away from having the patrons electronically access the full catalog. This landmark accomplishment should occur within the first few weeks of 2006. Once again, none of our technological accomplishments could have happened without the expertise and extreme patience of Bennington volunteer **Wagner Quintanilha**. Wagner's experience with our library has also made him an invaluable consultant to other libraries in the area. We are very fortunate and honored to have him in residence.

Part of the process of automating includes barcoding, locating missing materials, reconfiguring the collection so that it will fit sensibly on the shelves and be accessible to the patrons, and weeding damaged, worn and outdated materials. To accomplish this with only two of us who also have to maintain the daily work of the library, we have had to rely on volunteers. In 2005 we had several very cheerful, reliable and competent volunteers: **Patricia Goodwin, Dennis Page, Ryleigh Lorimer, Sarah Logan, Sophia Thornblad, Amy Gershfield, Haley Cook and Amanda Davies**.

Our Sunday volunteers, who work in rotation at the library from 4-6PM are—**Lisa Shingler**-17 years, **Lisa Mancini**- 16 years, **Dorothy Smith**- 9 years, **Deb Page**- 8 years, **Laurie MacKeigan**- 4 years, **Jennifer Spara**- 3 years, and **Victoria Burnham**- first year.

Our seasonal programs were successful because of our program volunteers—**Betty Coffin Brooks** providing music, **Victoria Burnham, Janice Tyler, Heidi Schweiger-Thornblad** reading, **Robyn Manley** with edible goodies for EVERY library occasion and the many, many others who lend a hand with the crafts and snacks.

The library's collection is amplified by generous donations for newspaper and periodical subscriptions. These have saved the library hundreds of dollars every year and provides for a varied and interesting assortment. We also receive CD, DVD, video and book donations.

This year's summer reading program was 'Camp Wanna Read'. We had 93 registered readers who read 84,393 minutes, went on four field trips, had twice weekly story & craft times, and Letterboxing and Orienteering workshops. The readers read and earned 'library money' to use at the library's camp store that was stocked by donations from generous patrons including Becky Cottle of **Pampered Chef**, Carrie Whitemore of **Whitt's Kits**, and Joy Lewis of the **Body Shop**. **The Bennington Garage, Inc.** donated a large carport tent that was set-up on the library's side lawn throughout the summer to hold story times and activities that we no longer have room for inside the library. **Our Town Country Store** again donated the Popsicles that the readers were earning and **The Jack Daniels Motor Inn, Blanchette Plumbing & Heating, Monadnock Basket Co.** and **Pierce School PTO** donated money for our summer reading program t-shirts. Our summer reading mascot was another **Debi Belcher** creation. The adorable camp bear snoozing under the book tent was a statewide hit. Our creative story time and activity volunteers for the summer reading program were **Janice Tyler, Karen Aucella, Laurie MacKeigan, Pam Lorimer, Gretchen Stockwell, Sandy Baker, Jen Spara and Lisa Shingler.**

Our collection is 19,814 books, 1,213 videos and DVDs, 900 audio books, 450 music CDs, 45 periodicals and four newspapers. Through the NH State inter-library loan system, we borrowed 288 books and loaned 541. Patrons borrowed approximately 16,000 books, we answered approximately 1,450 reference questions, supplied IRS tax forms, provided wireless access to the internet, a public access computer, FAX and copier services, provided homebound services, displayed NH tourist information, provided public service brochures and bulletins, and have museum passes available for patron use to the Mariposa Museum of World Cultures in Peterborough and the MFA in Boston. Some of the regular library programs available this year included monthly book groups for adults and youth, a new writer's group, two weekly story times, computer tutorials, a multi-generational summer reading program, and various seasonal celebrations.

Throughout the year library staff and trustees have attended workshops, meetings and conferences to keep up to date with state and library laws, materials, programs, databases, technology and services available for our patrons and community.

Our old building had a couple of geriatric problems this year. One of the biggest ones was that the ancient plumbing let go. This was nearly a disaster since some of our collection and all of our supplies are stored in the basement. The most useful upgrades in 2005 were the addition of a sink with hot and cold running water, a basement storage cupboard and a dehumidifier.

We have logged many hours of sleepless nights and creative configuring to fit the library's collection, programs, activities and services into our 100 year old building. Bennington residents deserve every bit of what residents of any town in New Hampshire and this country have, and that is to have a fully functioning and safe library with current literature and information, a place where they can go to study, do reference and research, read for leisure, and a place to meet for programs, workshops, and classes. Bennington needs a building that they can have pride in for at least another 100 years.

Come check us out, we're literally bursting at the seams with materials and programs for everyone!

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie MacGregor
Director

**GEP DODGE LIBRARY
TREASURER'S REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2005**

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$.56
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INCOME

Book Donations	\$	125.00
Book Sale	\$	55.00
Gifts Received	\$	400.00
Interest	\$	2.97
Other Income	\$	409.60
Overdue	\$	109.75
Copier Receipts	\$	363.00
Town Book Fund	\$	26,317.84
Trustee of Trust Funds	\$	3,430.96
Capital Reserve	\$	2,163.00

TOTAL INCOME	+	\$	33,377.12
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EXPENSES

Books	\$	16,174.56
Reference/Resource Books	\$	1,443.48
Audio/Video	\$	4,338.61
Periodicals	\$	495.75
Bank Fees	\$	5.50
Photocopier	\$	3,166.42
Program Expenses	\$	2,208.64
Business Expenses	\$	1,754.50
Dues & Education	\$	731.86
Technology	\$	2,941.24

TOTAL EXPENSES	-	\$	<u>33,260.56</u>
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ENDING BALANCE	\$	117.12
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Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Aucella
Library Treasurer

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Two pieces of good information for this year are: the Police Department had a productive and safe year and there was no turnover in personnel. Why no turnover? Because the officers enjoy the town and the support we receive from town officials and the citizens of Bennington.

Bennington is a safe community to live and work. However, as always, we need to work together to keep it safe for everyone. Please get to know and talk to your neighbors and keep an eye out for anything unusual in your neighborhood. If you see anything that does not look right please contact the Police at 588-6303. If it is an emergency please call 911. You can contact us 24 hours a day.

We had a total of 5240 police contacts for the year. Some of them are as follows:

- Criminal Cases: 424
- Arrests: 218
- Calls for Service: 1474
- Motor Vehicle Stops: 1897
- Miscellaneous: 1227

(Miscellaneous items includes things such as Motor Vehicle accidents, Juvenile, Animal, Community Policing Events, Court and Mutual Aid)

Out of 424 Criminal Cases, 392 have been cleared in an acceptable manner such as arrests or no charges pursued. This equates to a successful clear rate of 99.5%. There are 32 unsolved cases. They include: 1 burglary, 5 criminal mischief and 26 thefts. Out of the thefts 22 are from the Ski Area. We will continue to be proactive in trying to prevent incidents from occurring.

All Police Officers pledge to be professional and fair – even when the decision might be negative. The door to the Police Department is always open. If you have a problem, information or just want to say hello please stop in anytime.

We are proud to be your Police Department and are committed to providing professional and fair service in a courteous manner. We look forward to serving you in 2006. Please check us out at www.benningtonpd.com

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Steve Campbell
Corporal Phil Marcellino
Officer Dave Chenard
Officer Lester Milton

BENNINGTON PD STATISTICS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

INCIDENT	Chief Campbell	Corporal Marcellino	Officer Chenard	Officer Milton	TOTAL
CRIMINAL					
ALCOHOL (ADULT)	6	4	0	2	12
ALCOHOL (JUVENILE)	1	5	0	5	11
ASSAULT	3	6	0	0	9
BAD CHECKS	35	4	0	0	39
BENCH WARRANT	32	12	0	3	47
BREACH OF BAIL/BAIL VIOLATION	1	1	0	0	2
BURGLARY	3	0	0	1	4
CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT	1	0	0	0	1
CONDUCT AFTER ACCIDENT	4	1	1	0	6
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS	5	1	0	0	6
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	9	8	1	1	19
CRIMINAL THREATENING	1	2	0	1	4
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	4	2	0	0	6
DOMESTIC DISPUTE	13	10	0	2	25
DRUGS	6	13	0	8	27
DWI	6	6	0	8	20
FALSE STICKER	1	1	0	0	2
FELON WITH WEAPON	0	2	0	0	2
HARRASSMENT	15	9	5	4	33
ILLEGAL DUMPING/LITTERING	1	3	1	0	5
INDECENT EXPOSURE	1	0	0	0	1
INJURY TO DOG (FAIL TO REPORT)	1	0	0	0	1
OPERATING AFTER SUSPENSION	4	6	0	7	17
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	6	6	0	5	17
RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY	0	1	0	0	1
RECKLESS OPERATION	2	1	0	0	3
SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION	1	0	0	0	1
RESISTING ARREST	1	0	0	0	1
SEXUAL ASSAULT	6	1	0	0	7
STALKING	1	1	0	0	2
THEFT (AUTO)	0	0	0	1	1
THEFT	30	16	3	16	65
TRESSPASSING	8	5	0	1	14
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF RENTAL	9	0	0	0	9
UNSWORN FALSIFICATION	1	0	0	0	1
VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER	1	2	0	0	3
TOTAL CRIMINAL	219	129	11	65	424
ARRESTS					
FELONY	8	6	0	1	15
JUVENILE & PROTECTIVE CUSTODY	11	5	0	13	29
MISDEMEANOR	80	44	0	17	141
VIOLATION	11	12	0	10	33
TOTAL ARRESTS	110	67	0	41	218

BENNINGTON PD STATISTICS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

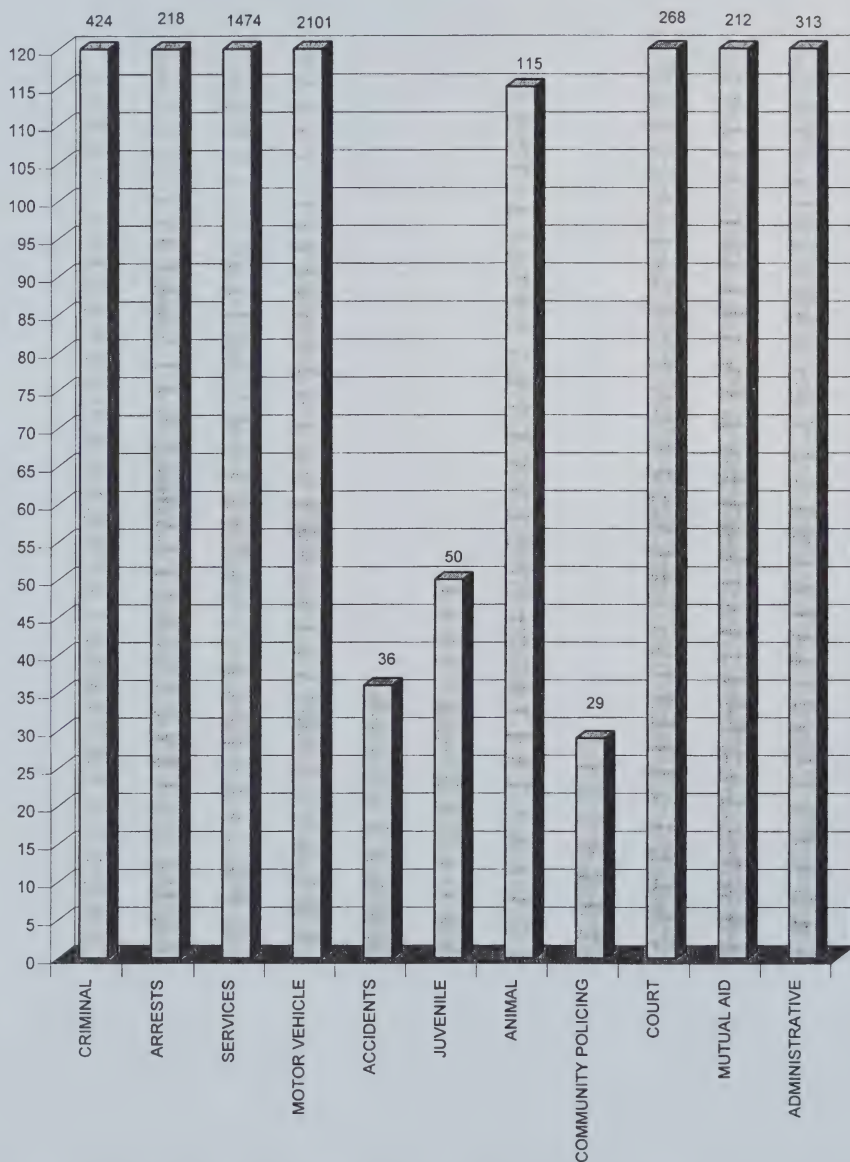
INCIDENT	Chief Campbell	Corporal Marcellino	Officer Chenard	Officer Milton	TOTAL
SERVICES					
ALARM	3	1	2	1	7
CHECK WELFARE	3	6	0	0	9
CIVIL STANDBY	18	8	1	0	27
CITIZEN / MOTORIST ASSIST	65	58	13	16	152
CIVIL	20	13	2	4	39
E911	3	7	1	4	15
INVESTIGATE INCIDENT / REPORT	113	91	27	41	272
PAPERWORK / SERVE PAPERS	20	30	9	11	70
PROPERTY CHECK	218	302	95	265	880
TRANSPORT	1	1	0	1	3
TOTAL SERVICES	464	517	150	343	1474
MOTOR VEHICLE					
MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS					
WARNINGS	490	512	163	497	1662
SUMMONS					0
OTHER	19	11	2	9	41
SPEED	69	16	7	31	123
SEAT BELT	5	2	0	0	7
UNINSPECTED	18	11	0	13	42
UNREGISTERED	9	5	2	6	22
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS	610	557	174	556	1897
PARKING COMPLAINTS	28	24	0	2	54
TRAFFIC DETAIL	111	18	0	0	129
OHRV COMPLAINTS	6	7	0	8	21
TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE	755	606	174	566	2101
ACCIDENTS					
TOTAL MV ACCIDENTS	20	9	5	2	36
MV ACCIDENTS W/ INJURY	5	3	0	1	9
PROPERTY DAMAGE (\$1000+)	12	8	3	2	25
JUVENILE					
CHECK THE WELFARE	1	1	0	0	2
ENDANGERING THE WELFARE	3	0	0	0	3
INVESTIGATE INCIDENT / REPORT	14	5	2	1	22
JV POSSESSION CIGARETTES	6	0	0	2	8
MISSING	3	1	0	1	5
TRUANCY	9	1	0	0	10
TOTAL JUVENILE	36	8	2	4	50

BENNINGTON PD STATISTICS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

INCIDENT	Chief Campbell	Corporal Marcellino	Officer Chenard	Officer Milton	TOTAL
ANIMAL					
CAT	1	2	0	3	6
DOG	40	19	7	9	75
OTHER	19	10	3	2	34
TOTAL ANIMAL	60	31	10	14	115
COMMUNITY POLICING					
COMMUNITY	6	4	1	1	12
SCHOOL	16	1	0	0	17
TOTAL COMMUNITY POLICING	22	5	1	1	29
COURT					
DISTRICT	244	6	0	1	251
GRAND JURY	8	1	0	0	9
HEARINGS (JV AND ALS)	6	0	0	0	6
SUPERIOR	2	0	0	0	2
TOTAL COURT	260	7	0	1	268
MUTUAL AID					
ANTRIM	17	28	0	9	54
DEERING	2	0	1	0	3
FIRE / RESCUE	28	34	12	12	86
FRANCESTOWN	3	11	1	2	17
GREENFIELD	2	2	1	1	6
HANCOCK	6	5	1	7	19
OTHER	7	18	1	1	27
TOTAL MUTUAL AID	65	98	17	32	212
ADMINISTRATION					
MISCELLANEOUS	37	10	0	0	47
SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTIGATION	113	108	16	17	254
TRAINING	3	5	2	2	12
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	153	123	18	19	313
SUMMARY					
CRIMINAL	219	129	11	65	424
ARRESTS	110	67	0	41	218
SERVICES	464	517	150	343	1474
MOTOR VEHICLE	755	606	174	566	2101
ACCIDENTS	20	9	5	2	36
JUVENILE	36	8	2	4	50
ANIMAL	60	31	10	14	115
COMMUNITY POLICING	22	5	1	1	29
COURT	260	7	0	1	268
MUTUAL AID	65	98	17	32	212
ADMINISTRATIVE	153	123	18	19	313
GRAND TOTAL	2164	1600	388	1088	5240
PERCENTAGE	41.30%	30.50%	7.40%	20.80%	100.00%

BENNINGTON PD STATISTICAL CHART

For the Year Ended December 31, 2005



TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

PARKING ORDINANCE

TITLE: Ordinance Regulating – Parking

Pursuant to state authority, the Board of Selectmen, Town of Bennington, New Hampshire have enacted the following ordinance to control parking.

PURPOSE: This ordinance is designed to reduce or eliminate illegal parking as outlined by the Board of Selectmen, Town of Bennington. It is intended to enforce illegal stopped or parked vehicles regardless of whether the vehicle is attended-or unattended. All parking regulations will be determined at the discretion of the Bennington Police Department.

DEFINITIONS:

1. PUBLIC STREETS: All ways maintained and/or accepted by the town.
2. SIDEWALKS: Any walkway or area designated or intended for pedestrian use.
3. PRIVATE AREAS: Any way, business or area which is considered private
4. VEHICLE: Includes but not limited to any car, truck, bus, highway equipment, motorcycle or any other vehicle defined in RSA 259:1.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS:

- A. Handicap Parking: Any area designated as parking for handicap parking. This will pertain to any area marked by means of paintings and/or signs.
- B. Roadway Parking: No portion of a vehicle shall be parked on any paved portion of a roadway which would impede the smooth flow of traffic.
- C. Prohibited Areas: No vehicle shall be parked in area which is designated as no parking areas by the Board of Selectmen, Town of Bennington and/or by signs indicating a “No Parking” area.
- D. Sidewalk: No vehicle shall park any portion of the vehicle on a sidewalk. Discretion of the police department may permit temporary parking in an effort to reduce safety concerns.
- E. Winter Parking Ban: No vehicle shall be parked on any street in the Town of Bennington between the dates of November 1st and May 1st, and the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7 a.m. of each year. Dates and times may be changed by the Board of Selectmen.
- F. Snow Removal: No vehicle shall be parked on any street in such a manner as to impede snow removal. No person shall stop or cause to be stopped or park a vehicle so as to impede or interfere with the proper snow clearing operations of the town when snow removal operations are in effect.

- G. BLOCKING: No vehicle shall be parked in a manner which causes driveways, crosswalks or fire hydrants to be blocked.
- H. DISTANCE: Any vehicle parked on the roads in the Town of Bennington shall be parked in a manner that traffic has a clear view of the parked vehicle for a distance of at least two hundred feet each direction. Police will determine this enforcement area based on safety of the traffic.

TOWING:

- A. All vehicles found in violation of this ordinance may be removed (towed) at the discretion of the police department. Costs of such removal and subsequent storage or removed vehicles shall be at the expense of the owner of the vehicle.
- B. The release of this vehicle will be after all required fees and or fines are paid.
- C. Unless safety dictates otherwise the police department will not have the vehicle removed until they have attempted to contact the owner and or operator of the vehicle.

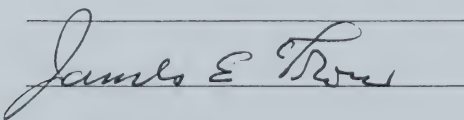
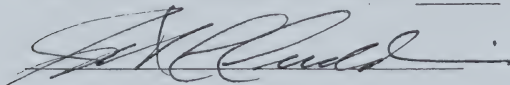
FINES:

- A. Any first time offense will result in a fine of \$25.00.
- B. Any second time offense will result in a fine of \$50.00.
- C. Any third or subsequent offense will result in a summons to appear in court. At that time the fine will not be more than \$250.00.
- D. For first and second offenses the fine shall be paid to the Town Clerk, Town of Bennington within five days.
- E. If the fine is not paid to the Town Clerk within the five days then the violator will receive a summons to appear in court. At that time, at the discretion of the court, the fine will not be more than \$250.00.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This ordinance shall be effective upon posting at the Bennington Town Hall and upon recording an attested copy of same with the Bennington Town Clerk.

Given under our hands on this the 17th day of Aug 2005.



BENNINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2005, the Bennington Fire Department responded to 183 emergency calls – a 5.5% decrease over calls in 2004. A breakdown of calls appears following this report.

The Department had a prosperous and busy 2005:

- ❖ Five new members joined the Department, bringing our membership to 23 members at year end. However, we continue to accept applications for membership for both fire and rescue positions. If you are interested, please contact us!
- ❖ We were awarded a \$30,305 grant through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. With those funds, we were able to purchase a cascade compressor system, four new 4500 psi self contained breathing apparatuses (air packs) with voice amplified face masks, and six spare bottles.
- ❖ Four members completed classes for medical licensure; three completed the EMT-Basic class and one completed the First Responder program.
- ❖ The Department held two highly successful fundraisers this year. Our annual yard sale, held on a beautiful Saturday in August, was a great success. In December the Department hosted its first ever Breakfast With Santa fundraising event. Mingling Fire Department and community members, the Department was overwhelmed at the outpouring of support from this event. THANK YOU to all who donated goods, came out to support us, and helped with our fundraising efforts this year
- ❖ In August the Department took delivery of a 2005 International Ferrara Fire Truck, replacing the 1989 Ford KME fire truck. Purchased with funds appropriated annually through the Capital Reserve Fund program, the new truck seats five people. With air packs already mounted into the seats, four passengers now have the capability to don their air packs en-route to the scene. Members underwent training in August and September to learn to operate the pump, adequately supply water, and don their air packs from their seats.

In May, retired and current members of the Fire Department said goodbye to longtime member Larry Seneschal, who passed away unexpectedly. Larry, and his family, remain in our thoughts and prayers everyday.

We would like to thank all of the townspeople for the support you provided us in 2005. We thank you in advance for your anticipated support in 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph O'Brien, Assistant Chief
Kristie French, Deputy Chief

BENNINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
2005 Call Breakdown

Medical Call	85
Motor Vehicle Accident	15
Car Fire	1
False Alarm	4
Alarm System Malfunction	11
Chimney Fire	4
Structure Fire	2
Brush Fire	1
Illegal Burn	1
Power Lines Down	4
Odor Investigation	4
Other	11

Mutual Aid Response

Antrim	
Motor Vehicle Accident	21
Station Coverage	1
Structure Fire	6
Assist with Medical	4
Deering	
Structure Fire	1
Francestown	
Motor Vehicle Accident	1
Station Coverage	2
Structure Fire	2
Chimney Fire	1
Greenfield	
Motor Vehicle Accident	1
Structure Fire	3
Assist with Medical	1
Hancock	
Station Coverage	3
Hillsborough	
Station Coverage	2
Structure Fire	1
Lyndeborough	
Structure Fire	2
TOTAL CALLS	195

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

2005 has come and gone with record breaking flooding in October and a very busy winter that gave us 25 storms – two of which qualified for Federal Emergency Assistance.

Spring finally arrived and cleanup, sweeping, grading, and raking was completed.

In late spring, the unused Beach House at Whittemore Lake was demolished and a new parking area was made. A new lifeguard building was built and a new phone line installed. The raft was put in and summer officially arrived.

Catch basin repair on Acre Street, Durgin Road, and Pine Meadows was finished and blasting of ledge on Old Greenfield Road and Gillis Hill was done to improve the width and drainage.

Brush cutting and roadside mowing was completed in late August.

Due to the price of petroleum, paving was cut back to one half of a mile with paving done to North Bennington Road, Deering Road, and Dodge Hill Road.

This year we hope to shim and chip seal the streets in Town and pave a portion of Bible Hill Road.

We also will prepare extra crushed gravel to make cold mix asphalt to aid us in some reconstruction at Pine Meadows and other places in town that need repair.

The Highway Department hopes that 2006 finds you happy and well.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Blanchard
Road Agent

HUMAN SERVICES

This year Human Service requests came from several clients primarily for rental assistance from single income households. The need for affordable housing still remains a problem throughout the region. Subsidized housing complexes in the area are increasingly difficult to get into due to long waiting lists. Southwestern Community Services and Monadnock Community Services Path Outreach workers continue to provide needed support in locating affordable housing and services for our clients.

The goal of the Human Services Department is not only to provide financial assistance to our clients but to guide them in appropriate family budgeting, job search, and direct them to services that will ultimately lead to self-sufficiency. Our ultimate goal is to provide necessary assistance to people in need in the most cost efficient manner to the Town.

This office exists as mandated by State Law RSA 165.1. Pursuant to this law, citizens of our community are assisted and served or, as the law states, "relieved and mandated." We provide assistance for various financial needs, as well as, assistance in directing clients to other Social Service organizations who provide additional services and subsidies.

The Town of Bennington would like to thank the generosity of the individuals that have made cash donations throughout the year. This winter is of particular concern due to the astronomical fuel costs; any continued donations would be greatly appreciated since it provides immediate assistance that we would otherwise not be able to provide.

We would also like to thank the Peterborough and Monadnock Rotary Clubs for a successful "Operation Santa 2005". This is an annual Christmas program that involves many volunteers from throughout the area in providing gifts to young children.

The Town of Bennington strives to provide food, shelter and medical attention in a professional manner to those in need in the most cost efficient way with a goal toward self-sufficiency. All contacts with referrals and clients are confidential.

The Grapevine is another resource for our residents based in Antrim at 4 Aiken Street. This is a non-profit community based organization provided to help people of all ages to connect to their community, its services and each other. They offer community suppers, a community wood bank for those who heat with wood, and the Peoples Exchange which provides a barter system for services, just to name a few of their resources.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine P. Lavery

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

The Transfer Station continues to provide an excellent level of service to the Community. We would like to thank Don Parker, Mike Tacy, Frank Dalton, and Roland Davison for doing an excellent job maintaining and helping people at the Center.

With the commingling of glass, the new programs of mixing paper and plastic, along with aluminum and other materials, we have received revenues back to the Town in the amount of almost \$11,800. Residents recycled 56 tons of paper, or the equivalent of 952 trees! Good job and keep up the good work!

Don't forget that the Hazardous Waste Program comes in the summer and fall. We will post the dates as soon as we receive them.

We would like to thank all the folks who use the Center and for keeping it clean.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Cuddemi
Don Parker
Phil Germain

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Permits issued over this past year were very similar to past years. Over the last year there were ten new residence permits issued and there were 50 new homes over the past five years. Two additions, seven decks/porches, and eight garage/barns comprise most of the remaining permits this year. The permits over this last year have increased the total town evaluation by an estimated 1.2 million dollars.

We are now going into the third year since the adoption of a State building code, which applies to all buildings in the State with the exception of one and two family homes and town houses. It is my hope and the hope of many home builders that all towns will adopt the International Residential Code to complete code adoption for all buildings. These codes have been developed by professionals in the industry to help assure the consistent construction of safe and efficient buildings. These codes are for the protection and benefit of both the builder and the users of the buildings.

I thank the citizens of the town for their cooperation and the staff in the town office for their support, which makes the job of Building Inspector possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Hopkins
Code Officer/Building Inspector

RECREATION COMMITTEE

As we look forward to what 2006 has in store for us, let's take a look back at the programs and events sponsored by the Recreation Committee in 2005:

The Fishing Derby: This annual event takes place on the third Saturday in April at Cold Springs Pond. The Derby was sponsored this year by the Sportsman's Club, the Fire Department, and the Recreation Committee. Although it was a cold, rainy morning, we had several future fishermen brave the weather to participate in this annual event. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 29, 2006...and hope for sun!

Bennington Youth Baseball & Soccer: Both programs ran very well this year. Thanks again to all the parents and volunteer coaches. Come check out a game or two this year and sit on the new bleachers purchased last fall.

Whittemore Beach: The Beach received a face-lift this year. The old shed was torn down allowing much needed additional parking. In addition, a new shed was built and sits towards the back of the beach. We offered two weeks of swimming lessons with two instructors which was a success. We are hoping to expand on the program this year having a test date prior to the lessons so everyone is placed prior to classes beginning. We also plan to hire three lifeguards this summer, so please call the Town Hall if you're interested.

Tree Lighting and Caroling: After our town's sponsored Community Supper at Pierce School, we headed out to the Common to light the tree and sing a few favorite holiday songs. This year's tree was decorated with bird seed ornaments made by our town's children.

Visit with Santa, Sleigh Rides and Holiday Craft: This event was one of our most successful events for the year. Thanks again to the Trow family for providing hayrides. Everyone, both young and old, enjoyed a ride through town. This year Santa was tucked away in the Multi-Purpose room at Pierce School. Santa's Helpers had hot chocolate and cookies ready for the kids after returning from the hayrides. Games and crafts also kept the children busy. Thanks to Santa as well for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit with our town's kids.

Unfortunately this year due to lack of participation we cancelled our Easter and Halloween events. However, we had a great year with the events we focused on. We are always open to new ideas and would love to see new faces at our meetings. We meet the second Wednesday of the month at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Byrne
Wanda Grant
Christine Martin
Cindy Norton
Michelle Ricco
Joseph Cuddemi

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The current Cemetery Trustees wish to acknowledge the tremendous appreciation they have for the many hours and years of dedicated work that Phil Traxler and Charlie Zabriskie contributed over the course of their previous combined 15 years as Cemetery Trustees. Their cooperative efforts were instrumental in improving documentation of cemetery plots and continual care and restoration of the cemeteries themselves.

The Trustees would also like to thank the men from the Hillsborough County House of Corrections and Don Parker for their excellent work in the spring and fall performing cleanup care activities in Sunnyside and Evergreen Cemeteries.

Due to the fact that Sunnyside Cemetery is full and only a limited quantity of plots remain available in Evergreen Cemetery, the Trustees along with the Selectmen have started the process of looking into prospective additional cemetery space in Bennington. The Trustees' plans for 2006 also include beginning to repaint the iron fence surrounding Sunnyside Cemetery, in an effort to keep it looking good.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robyn Manley
Peter Martel
Jill Young

CEMETERY TRUSTEES FINANCIAL REPORT

EXPENSES

Mowing and Trimming – Evergreen and Sunnyside Cemeteries	\$5017.98
Lunch for inmates	186.37
Materials/Equipment – Rakes for cemetery use	45.96
Labor	<u>157.65</u>
TOTAL	\$5407.96

RECEIPTS

Interest accrued in 2005 from Trust Funds	\$889.15
Sale of cemetery lots	<u>450.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1339.15

ELECTION REPORT

The year 2005 provided a much-needed break for your election officials, following as it did one of our busiest years ever. The time was spent organizing, training and preparing for the big change-over to a centralized voter checklist, mandated by the Federal Government. We have worked closely with the NH Secretary of State's Office to make this transition a smooth one. From a voter's standpoint, very little will change. New voters will still fill out paper forms to register to vote. Checklist Supervisors, however, will need to train on the new system and get used to a new format for data entry and printing. The system is designed so that local control will be maintained, while making it easier to detect voters who have moved and re-registered in other towns.

This year's Town Elections will be Tuesday, March 14th. The Polls will be open 8am – 7pm.

As of this writing, Bennington has 959 registered voters: 229 Democrats, 399 Republicans, and 331 Undeclared voters, only a miniscule change from last year. With one Town Election and two State/Federal Elections slated for this year, we can expect the voter checklist will grow again.

We still count votes by hand in Bennington, and we welcome volunteers to help. Vote counting is an interesting and rewarding way to get involved with your community. Every vote will be counted, and every vote counts! Paper ballots are still the best guarantee of free open elections, as they ensure a voter-verified paper trail. All are welcome to lend a hand on Election Day evening. Volunteer with the Town Moderator or Town Clerk if you would like to help either during the day or in the evening.

Copies of the Bennington Checklist are available upon request for \$10 for paper copies and \$5 via email, floppy disc or CD. Prior years' registration cards and checklists are open to inspection during normal Town Hall business hours. However, new privacy standards enacted with HAVA (the Federal "Help America Vote Act") require that registration forms starting from 2004 will be kept confidential. There will always be printed copies of the most recent checklist available, however.

REGISTERING TO VOTE

Voting is a fundamental right, as it is one of the rights from which all other freedoms flow. Nearly every citizen of the United States is entitled to register and vote somewhere. In most cases, people register where their primary residence is. However, citizens who are in transition, homeless, living overseas, in college, etc. must have equal access to the fundamental right of voting.

In order to register to vote you must fill out a voter registration form and must have proof of your citizenship, age, and domicile. Please bring your drivers license, and make sure that it has your current street address on it. Or bring another picture I.D. and some proof of domicile. Proof of domicile can be any reasonable documentation indicating that you live in Bennington, such as an electric bill or rental agreement. If you are not sure where your primary residence is, use the "pillow test": Where do you lay your head down to sleep most nights? Exceptions to this are college students, who may vote in either the college town where they live now, or their home town, if they intend to return there after school; and senior citizens, who may continue to vote in their home town even if they move to a retirement home in another town.

If you do not have documentation regarding domicile you may sign an affidavit declaring your domicile. The affidavit may be sworn before a justice of the peace, notary public, or the Town Moderator on Election Day.

Voters can get on the checklist in four ways:

- 1) Same Day Registration. Register at the polls on the day of the election.
- 2) Register with the Supervisors of the Checklist at one of their scheduled sessions. Sessions are usually 10 days prior to the election and will be posted in the Monadnock Ledger, on the Town Hall bulletin board, and at www.townofbennington.com
- 3) Register with the Town Clerk during regular Town Clerk hours.
- 4) If you are out of town, you can get an absentee voter registration form from the Town Clerk, as well as an absentee ballot. Call 603-588-2189

CHANGING PARTIES

If you are on the checklist as a Democrat or Republican and you wish to be an Undeclared voter, please see the Supervisors or the Town Clerk prior to June 6, 2006 to fill out a change form. After June 6, you will not be able to change your party affiliation until *after* the Primary. So do it now, before you forget!

ABSENTEE VOTING

If you will not be in town for any election, please try to vote absentee. You can even vote absentee if you are not sure if your work and commuting schedule will allow you to get to the polls in time. If you're not sure, it's always better to vote absentee. Your vote counts!

If you plan to vote absentee, please plan ahead. The Town Clerk has all the forms you will need, and she can tell you how to file absentee, and what the deadlines are for each election. Separate forms must be obtained for each election. (The exception to this is military personnel, who can fill out the Federal Post Card Application. This ensures that all ballots will be sent to them, as long as they are stationed in one place. The online version of this form is at <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefpca.html>)

Call the Town Hall at 603-588-2189 for more information on absentee voting.

Thank you everyone for helping our democracy work!

Respectfully Submitted,

Drusilla Cox
Barbara Moorehead
Victoria Turner

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

BENNINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

What an extraordinary year 2005 was over the whole country.

The escalation of real estate property values continues. The median home price, countrywide, climbed to an all time high of \$250,000. The prices in the Bennington area are beyond the reach of retired and medium income families. More low-income housing is needed throughout the country.

During the spring, summer and fall our area and the entire Northeast experienced many days of heavy rain that caused flooding and lots of road damage. Bennington escaped any major damage, although Hillsborough and Keene were not so lucky.

The pastor at the Congregational Church has announced that he will share his duties with Robert Ritchie who is attending Gordon-Cornwall Theological Seminary in Hamilton, Massachusetts. Doctor Dan Poling has been the minister in Bennington for nineteen years and is ninety-seven years old. His new title is Minister-at-Large and he will fill in as a substitute. In his own words: "he's ready to taper off, but he still has things to do."

In September, officers and directors were elected: David A. Glynn, President, Arnold Cernota, Vice-President, Jean Cernota, Treasurer, and Carrie Whittemore, Secretary. The directors are: Ron McClure, Dorothy Glynn, Frank Carrara, David Sysyn and Ellen Hill. Ellen was asked to write newspaper articles.

We co-sponsored a Memorial Day Essay/Poster contest with the VFW for third and fourth grade students at Pierce School.

One of our speakers this year was Michael George who spoke to us on the subject of old bottles, manufactured in our part of New Hampshire. Michael set up a display of his collection and many guests brought bottles for show and tell and identification.

Marion Coffin gave a presentation and talk on her hobby of decorating eggs. She showed us eggs in various stages of completion and shared sources to buy materials. Over twenty people attended.

Phil and Bette Traxler gave the Society books on the three cemeteries in town. He also donated several photographs of the minstrel shows that were held in town – his uncle, Lee Collins, was the director, writer and a well-known show business performer. It was a great gift and wonderful collection for the Society to own. Thank You Phil and Bette!

We also received many local pieces of history from the Harriet Weston Johnson Estate.

The Society had a brick walkway installed leading to the office door. We also started preliminary work on a new town history that will compliment our pictorial history of Bennington, NH.

The Society held its annual Christmas Party in December – gifts, refreshments and music were enjoyed by all. The Pierce School students made the Christmas tree decorations. Thank You to all who made the party a success.

I would like to thank Arnold and Jean Cernota for doing a great job in my absence during the year, both in finishing and starting projects. My thanks also to Barbara Willis and Sandy Cleary for the great programs enjoyed by many. We all owe a big thank you to Verna Paige for opening the Museum on Saturdays; due to illness, Verna has resigned this position. We are looking for volunteers to keep our museum open and accessible to view. We also need new members – the annual dues are only \$10 per family – we help with projects for the betterment of Bennington. Please come to our aid and lend a hand!

Respectfully Submitted,
David A. Glynn, President

PIERCE SCHOOL PTO

Our school year started off with an enrollment of 103 students. We are fortunate to have retained our quality teaching staff along with the addition of Mr. Alan Palmer, our new physical education teacher and Ms. Cathy Rehnquist our new speech and language teacher.

Our Open House was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2005. Attendance was high and we were able to talk at length with parents and guardians about our "three rule school" policy. We have streamlined our rules down to a critical three. **Be kind. Be safe and do the right thing.** The rules are the same everywhere in the building, on the playground, and on the bus. We promote logical consequences and involve students in planning for their success.

Pierce School continues to house a very special program called AGIFT (Academic Growth through Individualized Fundamental Teaching). This unique program supports children throughout the Conval School District. It is a wonderful mix of inclusion and pull out programming.

We are holding assemblies twice a month this year instead of once a month in an effort to continue in the development of important social skills and the building of community. We always welcome visitors to assembly. The dates are posted on-line in our monthly happenings.

Pierce School will be holding its first Literacy Night on April 11, 2006. We are planning an exciting evening geared around literacy. It will be an adventure for family and community. Look for details on our web page after the first of the year.

The Town of Bennington works hand in hand with Pierce Elementary in a variety of ways. On the third Thursday of every month the "community supper" is hosted here. The Bennington Volunteer Fire Department was here in October to help educate the children on fire prevention.

Every student in Pierce planted a flower bulb during the month of October. It was our way of "planting community". This is a great place to be where everyone has the opportunity to be successful!

The PTO is having another great year. With thanks to the community for all their support, they have been able to purchase a storage shed for outdoor toys and also a color television with VCR/DVD player attached. The PTO hosted their annual craft fair in December and will be having their annual May raffle. New this year is "Popcorn Friday" with bags of popcorn being sold to students every Friday for snack. Each week the students look forward to it. They continue to collect Box Tops and used ink cartridges and cellular phones.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pierce School PTO

Cheryl Jessie, Co-President
Tammie J. Blanchette, Co-President
Rhonda Davie, Treasurer

Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2005

<u>Date of Ceremony</u>	<u>Name of Bride & Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>
02/26/05	Paula T. Clough Joab A. Auterio	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
04/29/05	Heather Vanderneut Enrique Hernandez	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
05/30/01	Sharon A. Hubbard Paul A. Day	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
06/25/05	Andrea M. Grasso Justin D. Bergeron	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
06/25/05	Christina R. Howard Donald H. Clough	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
07/04/05	Melissa A. Clough Dwayne A. Searles	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
07/09/05	Belinda L. Ryan Sean P. Magoon	Deering, NH Bennington, NH
07/30/05	Lori M. Perkins Scott A. Baldwin	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
08/27/05	Sarah-Ann Joyce Jason R. Hamlin	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
11/05/05	Sarah L. Wood Christopher P. Leavitt	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
12/24/05	Lisa A. Foote Bradford S. Fyfe	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH

I certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Debra Belcher, Town Clerk

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2005

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Father and Mother</u>
01/07/05	Ernest Richard Sullivan	Peterborough, NH	Ernest Sullivan and Kimberly Duthie
02/08/05	Myles Ivan Clough	Peterborough, NH	Donald Clough and Christina Howard
02/17/05	Nicholas Huntington Lawrence	Concord, NH	Cory and Jenny Lawrence
03/05/05	Ava Lyn Solod	Keene, NH	Victor and Courtney Solod
03/10/05	Benjamin Lee Paradis	Peterborough, NH	Brent and Noelle Paradis
03/23/05	Donovan Earl Sweeney	Peterborough, NH	Sean and Janet Sweeney
04/05/05	Connor Gregory Stajduhar	Peterborough, NH	Jerry and Tracy Stajduhar
06/28/05	Charles Galiano Quintanilha	Peterborough, NH	Wagner and Linda Quintanilha
06/30/05	Hayden Agnes Kaltsas	Manchester, NH	Mark and Christine Kaltsas
06/30/05	Julie Anne Hardwick	Concord, NH	David and Amy Hardwick
07/13/05	Alec Keegan Lawrence	Peterborough, NH	Shawn Lawrence and Michelle Schmidt
10/01/05	Ronan Patrick Clough	Peterborough, NH	Christopher and Shelagh Clough

I hereby certify that the above report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Debra Belcher, Town Clerk

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2005

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
01/11/05	Margaret Laclair	Peterborough, NH	Olen Newhall	Eileen Harrison
03/02/05	George Whittemore	Bennington, NH	George Whittemore	Phebe Champney
03/25/05	Russell Young	Peterborough, NH	Lester Young	Christie Damren
04/24/05	Caroline Dalton	Manchester, NH	Francis Strickland	Agnes Sherman
05/16/05	Lawrence Seneschal	Peterborough, NH	Ernest Seneschal	Bertha Nye
06/20/05	Ardelle Lyons	Bennington, NH	John Wolfe	Lilla Ellis
07/08/05	Joyce Winslow	Peterborough, NH	George Winslow	Lena Noel
07/09/05	Blanche Wilson	Bennington, NH	Ernest Wilson	Lillian Cain
07/11/05	George Athans	Peterborough, NH	Peter Athanasion	Theone Kozanis
12/12/05	Paul Lavoie	Bennington, NH	Alfred Lavoie	Evelyn Grendell
12/17/05	Kathleen Sjogren	Peterborough, NH	James Atkinson	Mildred Weatherbee

I hereby certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Debra Belcher, Town Clerk

Bennington, NH

Community Contact

Town of Bennington
Denise French, Town Administrator
7 School Street, Unit 101
Bennington, NH 03442

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(603) 588-2189
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townofbenn@tds.net
www.townofbennington.com

Municipal Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk:
Monday and Saturday, 9 am - 12 noon, Tuesday, 8:30 am -
12:30 pm, Thursday, 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Hillsborough
Peterborough NH LMA
Monadnock
Southwest Region
Monadnock Business Ventures

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 2
District 7
Hillsborough County District 2



Incorporated: 1842

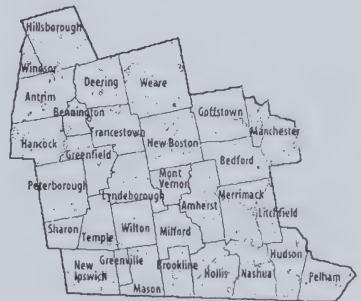
Origin: Taken from portions of Hancock, Greenfield, Deering, and Franchestown, the town was named in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington, fought on August 14-16, 1777, near Bennington, Vermont. Vermont's Bennington was named for Governor Benning Wentworth, who was responsible for naming many towns in New Hampshire and Vermont.

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 541 residents in 1850

Population Trends: Decennial population growth rates in Bennington have varied, starting with a loss of two residents between 1950-1960, less than half a percent, and peaking with a 39 percent increase between both 1970-1980 and 1980-1990. Bennington's 2000 population was more than double that of 1950, going from 593 residents in 1950 to 1,401 in 2000, a total increase of 808 residents. The 2004 Census estimate for Bennington was 1,450 residents, ranking 161st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2004: 127.8 persons per square mile of land area. Bennington contains 11.4 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

Villages and Place Names:



Hillsborough County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2004	\$1,148,305
Budget: School Appropriations	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1986/04
Master Plan	2002
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library Trustees; Cemetery Trustees; Trustee of Trust Funds; Water & Sewer
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Appointed:	Conservation
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Public Library	G E P Dodge
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EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	5/9
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s):

Monadnock Community, Peterborough	
Distance: 11 miles	Staffed Beds: 35

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Bennington Water Dept.

Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory

Telephone Company	MCT Telecom
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES

2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.16
2004 Equalization Ratio	97.8
2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.58

2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type

Residential Land and Buildings	86.0%
Commercial Land and Buildings	11.0%
Other Property including Utilities	2.9%

HOUSING

2003 Total Housing Units	658
2003 Single-Family Units	443
Building Permits Issued	5
2003 Multi-Family Units	171
Building Permits Issued	0
2003 Manufactured Housing Units	44

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2004	1,450	398,574
2000	1,404	382,384
1990	1,230	336,549
1980	890	276,608
1970	639	223,941

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender		
Male	692	Female 709

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	84
Age 5 to 19	356
Age 20 to 34	258
Age 35 to 54	486
Age 55 to 64	104
Age 65 and over	113
Median Age	35.1 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	87.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	24.8%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(Census 2000)

Per capita income	\$19,675
Median 4-person family income	\$52,153
Median household income	\$46,150

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$34,063
Female	\$26,734

Families below the poverty level	8.4%
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LABOR FORCE

Annual Average	1994	2004
Civilian labor force	693	826
Employed	680	798
Unemployed	13	28
Unemployment rate	1.9%	3.4%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

Goods Producing Industries	1994	2004
Average Employment	n	239
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$1,126

Service Providing Industries

Average Employment	n	163
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$206

Total Private Industry

Average Employment	314	402
Average Weekly Wage	\$773	\$754

Government (Federal, State, and Local)

Average Employment	31	25
Average Weekly Wage	\$382	\$409

Total, Private Industry plus Government

Average Employment	346	427
Average Weekly Wage	\$737	\$734

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Grades K-12 are part of Contoocook Valley Cooperative (Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple)			District: SAU 1
Career Technology Center(s):	Region 14 Applied Technology Center, Peterborough			Region: 14
Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K R 1-4			
Total Enrollment	99			
NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2004:	Total Facilities: 1	Total Capacity: 12		

Nearest Community/Technical College: Manchester; Concord
Nearest Colleges or Universities: New England

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.	Printing specialty papers	235	1819
Pierce Elementary School	Education		
Bennington Country Store	Convenience store		
Harris's 202 Convenience Store	Convenience store		
Alberto's Restaurant	Food service		
Town of Bennington	Municipal services		
Crotched Mt. Ski and Ride Area	Ski - seasonal	250+/-	2003
Common Place Eatery	Food service		

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	202
	State Routes	31, 47, 123
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-293, Exit 4	
Distance	32 miles	
Railroad	No	
Public Transportation	No	
Nearest Airport	Keene	
Runway	6,201 feet	
Lighted? Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes	
Nearest Commercial Airport	Manchester	
Distance	38 miles	
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH	30 miles	
Portland, Maine	138 miles	
Boston, Mass.	83 miles	
New York City, NY	249 miles	
Montreal, Quebec	260 miles	

COMMUTING TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over	(Census 2000)
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	11.0%
Public transportation	0.3%
Walked	2.8%
Other means	1.3%
Worked at home	1.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	13%
Commuting to another NH community	85%
Commuting out-of-state	2%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Crotched Mountain
	Other:

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

www.townofbennington.com

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

588-2189

Town Hall	Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tax Collector	Available during Town Hall office hours
Town Clerk	Monday 9:00 a.m. to noon Tuesday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to noon

MEETING SCHEDULES

Selectmen	Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
Planning Board	Second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees	First Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Library
Water/Sewer Com.	First Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.
Recreation Com.	Second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Conservation Com.	Third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Cemetery Trustees	Second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.
Trustees of Trust Funds	Second Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at the Library

LIBRARY HOURS

588-6585

Monday	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (staffed by volunteers)

RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION HOURS

588-3407

Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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